

PROVINCE OF KWAZULU - NATAL - ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU - NATALI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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SEVEN SADESMO MEMBERS TO APPEAR BEFORE COURT TODAY

KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has applauded the SAPS on the swift arrest of seven students who allegedly barricaded and attacked the car that the ANC Youth League President Julius Malema was travelling in recently at the University of Zululand.

The seven, who are aged between 19 and 26 years of age, will appear today (02 April 2009) before the Mthunzini Magistrate Court on cases of public violence.

It is alleged that on Thursday (26 March 2009) seven Sadesmo members blocked and attacked the car that Malema was in. Preliminary reports reveal that yesterday (01 April 2009) the SAPS arrested seven Sadesmo members on public violence. One member will also appear on assault charges.

"As government our mandate is to ensure that we curb all acts of violence and deal harshly with perpetrators. It is on that score that we have vowed to eliminate all criminal elements in institutions of higher learning. We will also ensure that people's freedom of affiliation is protected", said Cele.

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