



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

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 26 OCTOBER 2010

ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRES

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SEVEN SHOT AND KILLED IN KWA-NDENGEZI

MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu strongly condemns the killing of seven people shot in their homes early hours of this morning (**Tuesday 26/10/2010**) in the area of Eshongweni outside Durban.

Preliminary reports reveal that four unknown men with guns, not as yet apprehended by the SAPS, attacked the Zulu and Magcaba families killing seven people in total including children as young as 1-2 year old. In the Zulu family they killed the husband, wife and three children aged 18, 8 and a one year old. The Magcaba family husband was shot and killed and his wife was shot but survived and is in a critical condition in hospital. A 13-year old girl from the Magcaba family was allegedly raped during the attack.

The Department of Community Safety and Liaison working together with the Safer Cities launched Operation Hlasela in Durban to tirelessly root out all criminals elements from our society. Seven cases of murder, one attempted murder and rape have been opened. The Provincial Commissioner is on the scene and a Task Team will be deployed in the area to apprehend the perpetrators of this crime.

"I would like to extended my heartfelt condolences to the families of the bereaved. Such ruthless killings can only be executed by thugs, and law enforcement agencies will work around the clock investigating this crime and should leave no stone unturned. Criminals will feel the full might of the law; I also wish a speedy recovery to the survivor," said Mchunu.

Following this incident the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu will visit the families of the victims

Time: 14:30

Date: 26 October 2010

Venue: Shongweni

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