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**MEC MCHUNU COMMENDS THE POLICE ON THEIR SWIFT MOVE ON THE  
NTSHONGWENI MASSACRE**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety & Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has commended the police in the province for moving swiftly in dealing with most wanted suspects who are linked to Ntshongweni killing.

This follows the dramatic arrest of two men after questioning by the police and the exchange of fire between suspects and police, which ended with one of the suspects being killed yesterday (Sunday, October 31, 2010)

The arrest of two men for questioning follows the brutal murder of six people in Ntshongweni last week. The six were buried in Ntshongweni at the weekend.

Addressing the funeral, Mchunu assured mourners that soon police were going to make arrests and urged the affected communities to co-operate with law enforcement agencies who were already working flat out to hunt down the killers.

"We have full confidence in our police. They possess experience and necessary expertise. We want to assure the community of Ntshongweni that police would not rest until they all find perpetrators.

"Yesterday's developments (arrest of two suspects) prove that there is willingness from our side as government to keep our communities safe. This is a clear warning to all criminals that KwaZulu-Natal will not be a playground for their nefarious deeds," warned Mchunu.

He also emphasized that the work was still far from over because some suspects were still on the run, adding that those responsible for the killing of four people in Tshelimnyama should also be brought to book sooner than later.

"We can not be living in fear just because of few people. Our police are still working hard to find factors behind this cruelty. Communities must stand up and revitalize structures that are going to assist in fighting crime. We must all stand up and clean KwaZulu-Natal from all criminal activities," said Mchunu.

The department of Community Safety and Liaison will in two weeks from now launch Operation Hlasela, a programme seeking to galvanize different stakeholders in our communities to build a United Front against Crime.

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