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MEC MCHUNU COMMENDS LAW ENFORCERS ON SUSPENDING MORE THAN TWENTY-EIGHT MINIBUSES AT UMLAZI

MEC for Transport, community safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu commends law enforcement agencies on their intensive joint operation on impounding minibus taxis operating illegally and over twenty-eight vehicles were suspended at uMlazi yesterday (24/11/2010). This joint operation was conducted by the SAPS, Public Transport Enforcement Unit (PTEU) and Durban Metro Police.

This is subsequent to the illegal operators that were operating between uMlazi Megga City and Gateway without valid operating licenses. This raised a huge concern to the Department as none of these operators were granted permission by the Office of the Registrar to operate on these routes. The vehicles were impounded for not having valid operating licenses and operating illegally between Megga City and Gateway. Twenty-eight were suspended for not being roadworthy and twenty-one were charged for different cases, e.g. fines.

"I would like to commend the law enforcement agencies on their operation. This is again a stern warning to all motorists that break the rules of the road that, this festive season our agencies will be out there in full force ensuring that there is zero tolerance and 100% compliance on our roads throughout the festive season," said Mchunu.

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