

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## **20 BUSES SUSPENDED IN MKHUZE**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu welcomed the suspension of 20 buses under uMkhuze Bus Service.

The suspension of these buses follows an investigation assigned by MEC Mchunu this week. The team of investigators comprise of SAPS, RTI, PRE, and Special Operations (Operation Shanela).

Mchunu assigned investigators to uMkhuze Bus Service after one of their buses was involved in a gruesome accident that killed four people on the scene and one in hospital on P326, oBonjeni.

"I welcome the suspension of these buses primarily because it is our responsibility as the department to provide reliable and roadworthy transport. The bus company in question is subsided by the department therefore we expected their buses to be maintained and to be always road worthy. I however sympathize with commuters who will be affected during this process and we are working very hard to get them an alternative transport," said Mchunu.

Mchunu is also waiting with keen interest on the findings of the forensic investigation report that was looking at the cause of last week's accident.

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