



MEDIA UPDATE

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BITTER END FOR COP KILLER GANG MEMBERS AS REIGN OF TERROR COMES TO AN END

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has welcomed the arrest of two suspects suspected of being part of a gang that has, among other things, killed seven police officers around the province.

The two suspects were successfully apprehended by the police after receiving a tip off that these two are part of a notorious gang that went around killing police with the aim of taking their service pistols to be used for criminal activity.

It is alleged that at about 08:30 today (18 November 2011) the police received a tip off of the whereabouts of a notorious gang of seven. Upon arrival at Umlazi M section, the police exchanged fire with the suspects. Two of them were shot dead and two were apprehended and taken in for questioning to determine whether they too, form part of the gang. Some of the members are still at large.

This gang has been wanted for the murder of seven unsuspecting police officers, armed robbery and attempted murder around the province and in the Eastern Cape.

Mchunu condemned the killing of police and also commended the police for acting quickly and finding these suspects and putting an end to their reign.

“I condemn police killing! The department of Community Safety and Liaison had held a summit denouncing the killing of police. During the summit we resolved that we must all do our part to protect our protectors, the Police, in the attitude of: ‘If it is to be, it is up to me’;

People who kill our police have a total disregard of the law and we must also investigate strengthening legislation to deal with those who attack and kill police members. I appeal to the community who have any information regarding the other suspects that are still at large, to work with the police so they can also be brought to book. I also want to commend the police for apprehending the suspects and putting their reign of terror to an end”, said Mchunu

The police recovered two hand guns which were unlicensed.

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