



### **MEDIA UPDATE**

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#### **POLICE TASK TEAM TO PROBE THE KILLING OF MAQONGQO HEAD INDUNA**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has announced the special task team to investigate the killing of 60 year old Ben Mkhize.

It is alleged that Mkhize was killed on Saturday (3 December 2011) at about 22h00. It is alleged that a group of unknown men asked for a beer in his tuck shop when he turned to fetch the beer he was then shot. Suspects then fled the scene. The motive of the killing is still unknown and no arrests have been made.

Yesterday (4 December 2011) MEC Mchunu accompanied by the MEC for Agriculture Meshack Hadebe, visited the area of Maqongqo and the Mkhize family. Mchunu announced that a high level task team from the province is going to investigate Mkhize's killing.

**"I have engaged with the provincial leadership of the police and we have agreed to form a high level task team to investigate this matter. We will work with the Traditional council and all structures in the area to find the perpetrators. We appeal to the community to assist the police in the investigation. This senseless killing is shocking and unacceptable. Our district team in Umgungundlovu under Operation Hlasela will meet with all stakeholders to address all criminal activities affecting this area. We appeal for calm in the community. Criminals have no place in our society. I wish to send my condolence to the Mkhize family," said Mchunu.**

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