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**ITS ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION - MCHUNU**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu is optimistic that the province will deliver peaceful, free and fair local government elections.

Mchunu said he is confident on the progress made by the province in changing the mindset of the people to respect other's rights and freedom of choice.

He also applauds the co-operation of political parties, independent candidates, business community, religious and traditional leaders in working with government to preparing for an environment conducive for free and fair elections on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (Tomorrow).

"Government efforts started with forming a committee of all political organizations, and independent candidates. Together we intervened in areas which were identified as hot-spots in the province. We are pleased that since our interventions we have seen an improvement in province. We also salute all organizations and political parties for participating in the provincial historical prayer rally of all parties contesting elections which was held at Matimatolo (Greytown). This was indeed a milestone and a living proof that if we work together we can make KwaZulu-Natal safe," said Mchunu.

Even though we still experience cases of defacing of posters and intimidations, the police have assured us that they will work tirelessly to make these elections the safest ever in the province.

We have also deployed volunteers to assist in monitoring the situation on the ground and lawyers to assist as observers. We also want to warn that there will be no space for those who plan to fraud the election results as we are monitoring elections closely.

Mchunu also urged the people of KwaZulu-Natal to respect and accept election result.

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