



PROVINCE OF KWAZULU - NATAL - ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU - NATALI
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

MEDIA ALERT

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 18 MARCH 2011

**MEC MCHUNU TOGETHER WITH MEC DUBE TO HOST MULTI-POLITICAL PARTY
FORUM AT ESTCOURT**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu together with MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Mrs. Nomsa Dube will, on Monday (21/03/2011) host a meeting with the local leadership and stakeholders in line with the Human Rights Celebration and also to discuss measures that will ensure stability as we heading for the Local Government elections.

This forum was established by the KZN Premier Dr. Zweli Mkhize after numerous reports have been reported on the killing of councilors in the Province. Estcourt has been labeled as the ***“Hot Spot”*** as a number of killings and instability has been reported. Incidents of human rights violations has been historically a problem in the area hence the meeting. They are also expected to discuss the intolerance of different political parties and how to stabilize the situation to ensure that the Local government elections are safe and the citizens are able to exercise their democratic rights to vote.

“South Africa is a democratic country, and such violation of Human Rights will not be tolerated anywhere in the Province. People have a right to vote and they should not be intimidated when exercising this right. I appeal to all political parties and other formations to communicate with their members not to practice such behaviour because the police will be working tirelessly to ensure that there is calm and peace in the Province,” said Mchunu.

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Journalists and reporters are invited to attend the event which will take place as follows;

DATE: 22 MARCH 2011 (Monday)

VENUE: Estcourt Town Hall

TIME: 09h00

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