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MCHUNU WELCOMES PROSECUTION TEAM TO PRESIDE OVER ELECTION CASES IN KZN

MEDIA STATEMENT

The MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu has welcomed, as a very important step, an announcement by the National Prosecuting Authority to have a special team that will deal with political cases in Estcourt.

In a meeting of multi-political parties in Estcourt, the NPA announced that a special team of senior advocates will preside over political cases.

Mchunu said this will minimize the backlog and bring closure to political cases that have been outstanding for a long time.

Mchunu expressed his satisfaction, saying it has laid a foundation for a free and fair local government election.

"The meeting was successful and I am impressed with the level of participation and commitment of all political parties. We expect all parties to go out to preach the gospel of peace and tolerance. I expect parties to work together to avoid clashes and intimidation when campaigning. Also, the Independent Electoral Committee has committed itself to monitor the situation here in Estcourt. I appeal to you to work together and make these elections a success," said Mchunu.

The MEC also condemns intimidation incidents reported in Lindelani outside Stanger and T-section, in uMlazi.

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