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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**MCHUNU CONDEMNS THE VIOLENCE OUTBREAK DURING THE TAXI FARE PROTEST IN KWADUKUZA**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu strongly condemns the violence outbreak during the taxi fare protest in KwaDukuza. The violence resulted in a female protestor being found shot dead yesterday (06/06/2011) and a police vehicle burnt.

It is alleged that the body of a woman was found in eNtshawini shot, who is believed to have been one of the protestors. No arrests have been made yet pending investigation. A case of attempted murder and murder has been opened.

**"I would like to send my deepest condolences to the family of the victim who was found. It is indeed frustrating to learn that people are being killed for mere issues like taxi fare and protesting instead of discussing the matter like adults. This protest has turned into a violent protest and it is unacceptable. A delegation from the Department is working with the Local taxi Association together with the KwaDukuza Municipality to resolve this matter. Another meeting is scheduled to take place tomorrow. Police have been deployed in the area to ensure peace, order and stability,"** said Mchunu.

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