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PEACE AT THE BI-ELECTIONS, UMSHEZI

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu would like to voice his appreciation at the smooth running of the bi-elections that took place in uMshezi, Estcourt yesterday (19/01/2011).

It was alleged that uMtshezi has been tense following the recent attacks before the bi-elections on a couple who were believed to be supporting one of the parties in the faction fights within the Inkatha Freedom Party.

"We are very happy for the peaceful bi-elections that have taken place at uMtshezi. This is a good sign that we will surely have peaceful local elections. We also appeal to all municipalities to follow suite when engaging in their bi-elections. However if there are any disturbances we will be ready with law enforcement to make sure we maintain peace for the upcoming local elections. As KwaZulu-Natal government we will not tolerate violence to unsuspecting civilians, people should be able to vote without fear," said Mchunu.

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