



MEDIA UPDATE

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MCHUNU COMMENDS BREAK THROUGH IN SIBIYA KILLING

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu has commended the police for apprehending two suspects wanted for the murder of ANC Regional Secretary in Ethekwini, Sbu Sibiya.

Sibiya was fatally shot earlier this year by unknown gunmen outside his home in Inanda.

After months of sensitive investigations the NIU and Hawks acted on a lead they received that led them to two suspects in Wilbadash outside Chatsworth. Upon arrival between 01h00 and 02h00 this morning the police were met with live ammunition. Warrant Officer Maharaj lost his life while two other officers' sustained injuries. The two suspects were killed in the process.

Commenting on the matter Mchunu commended this bravery and thorough investigation done by the police.

"On the 16th of August 2011 we convened a summit that explored the reasons and suggestions of dealing with Police Killings. One of the resolutions that came out was the need of working to build better relations between the community and the police. The fact that the police were able to track down the suspects' means someone tipped off the police and volunteered with the information that led to the suspects. Suspects should surrender to police because their resistance leads to the loss of life. I would like to send my condolences to the families who lost their members in the cross fire and a speedy recovery to the officers in hospital,' said Mchunu.

Warrant Officer Maharaj will be buried today.

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