



## **MEDIA UPDATE**

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### **MEC MCHUNU REJECTS CALL MADE BY KZN TRANSPORT ALLIANCE TO ESTABLISH ITS TRUST FUND TO COMPENSATE ROAD ACCIDENT VICTIMS**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu rejects a call made by KZN TRANSPORT Alliance to establish their own trust fund to compensate road accident victims.

This is subsequent to the presentation made by leadership of the KZN Transport alliance soliciting the support of the Transport Portfolio committee. Part of the argument raised by leadership of the KZN transport Alliance is that road accident victims are often not compensated by government. However, Mchunu argues that the reason why the Road Accident Fund (RAF) does not compensate road accident victims is because of operators operating without permits.

Mchunu said allowing the KZN transport alliance to establish this trust fund will be equal to government endorsing illegal operators on the road. Instead, Mchunu is making a clarion call to all taxi operators to respect and comply with the law so that in any unfortunate event, road victims may be compensated.

Part of the problem which leads to accident victims not receiving their compensation are taxis driven by unqualified people (people who drive without a PRDP) and unroadworthy vehicles.

**“To have, such a trust fund will be equal to promoting lawlessness. We are a country governed by law and we expect everyone including taxi operators to respect and adhere to those laws. Having this trust fund will be endorsing operators to operate illegally. As government, we are the custodians of these laws and will reject any attempt to undermine them. We are confident that RAF processes are fair, transparent and cater for the needs of road accident victims. This**

**disregard for the rule of law is also a major contributor to the fatalities that we experience on our roads. As government we will reinforce laws guiding the public transport industry to ensure that it is effectively, safe and compliant”, said Mchunu.**

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