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#### **TWO CONFLICTING CLANS BREAK A LONG AWAITED PEACE DEAL**

Following a very emotional cleansing ceremony, the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Willie Mchunu has taken his hat off to Amakhosi of two warring clans who jointly embarked on a peace path and washed each other's hands off blood following years of conflicts between their people.

The two conflicting clans, i.e. amaNyavu led by Nkosi Mdluli and Maphumulo led by Nkosi Maphumulo, through their leaders have committed themselves to lasting peace and have said that from now on all matters that could result in conflict will be placed on a negotiation table and resolved amicably.

Mchunu applauded the two clans for this unprecedented move and express hope that the people of these clans will never resort to violence again.

"I take my hat off to the two amaKhosi for taking this unprecedented decision. This is a very bold and a crucial decision to find common ground to bring about peace between the clans of AmaNyavu and Maphumulo. I commend what you have done today, in washing each other's hands off blood, because it is a symbol that you are saying never again shall there be blood shed between your people. What we witnessed today is history and I have never seen it before, this to me is an act of heroism. In deed this is a mile stone in the history of these two clans." said Mchunu.

Mchunu and both amakhosi committed in reaching out to community members preaching the gospel of peace.

About the role of the government henceforth, Mchunu said, "Our role as government and as a department will be to aid this newly brokered peace initiative to succeed. We are certain that this will also lead to development in the areas concerned."

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