



## **MEDIA UPDATE**

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### **MEC MCHUNU CONDEMNS TO THE HIGHEST DEGREE THE DEATH OF TAXI OPERATOR IN FOLWENI**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has condemned the continuous killings of taxi operators in the Folweni Taxi Association, south of Durban.

A report revealed that yesterday (14 November 2012) in the area of Isiphingo, Mr. Bhekayela Mnguni was gunned down and killed instantly by unknown men when they opened fire.

Mchunu was alarmed at the murder of Mnguni and expressed concerns on the on-going tensions within the Folweni Taxi Association.

"I am depressed that we have experienced yet another killing of a taxi operator in Folweni. In the recent past there has been instability and killings of operators in this association. Following series of interventions by my Department of Transport and the police, we were hoping the situation will improve. It is unacceptable that people are resorting to violence instead of resolving their disputes amicably. Police have assured us of monitoring the situation and we will convene an urgent meeting to try and arrest this matter. We are confident that perpetrators of this crime will soon be brought to book. I would like to send my deepest condolences to the Mnguni family", said Mchunu.

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