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MCHUNU TO INVESTIGATE MYHEM AT THE RTI RECRUITMENT TEST

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu is to institute full investigation following incidents where scores of people attending Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) recruitment fitness process collapsed and admitted in hospitals.

Mchunu was alarmed and shocked after getting a report on what transpired on the first day of the recruitment at the Harry Gwala Stadium in Pietermaritzburg.

More than 34000 applicants qualified for the 90 trainee posts which were advertised.

More than 15600 applicants attended the fitness test in a very sunny Thursday. The process involved subjecting applicants to the marathon of four kilometers.

Another 15 000 attended the same process yesterday.

According to the report, scores of them could not cope with the hot weather condition and collapsed.

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They were taken to various hospitals around Pietermaritzburg and some were treated by paramedics on the scene.

Mchunu has called an urgent meeting today with the management team tasked to oversee the proceedings of this recruitment exercise.

"I am deeply shocked after learning what happened at Harry Gwala Stadium. As government we regret any injuries or lost of lives as a result of the fitness test we conducted over the past two days. I have called an urgent meeting with the management team that was presiding over this process to establish what exactly transpired. I am also considering the commission of inquiry to uncover all what happened and to recommend how such processes should be handled in future without problems" said Mchunu.

Mchunu also assured the families of those affected by this process that government will do all it can to assist them.

"Today I will be visiting all those applicants who were admitted in various hospitals. I want to assure the families of all those affected that we will do all we can to assist them. Our hearts and prayers are with all those who were affected during this process" said Mchunu.

Further details will be released after the MEC's meeting with management today.

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