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MULTI-PARTY COMMITTEE TO MEET KWAMASHU HOSTEL POLITICAL LEADERS

THE multi-political party oversight committee led by KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu is set to meet local leadership of all political parties represented in the KwaMashu hostel in an effort to ensure political stability and tolerance in the area.

Yesterday (29 October 2012) the committee met in Durban and resolved to convene an urgent meeting of leaders of political parties represented in the hostel (ward 39) to ensure stable political environment.

This breakthrough meeting of local leadership and community structures is to take place next week in Durban.

The main intention of this meeting is to cascade the peace spirit of all parties in the multi-party committee members to the local leadership.

This will be used as a yardstick to assess the situation on the ground and to strengthen relations among local political party leaders.

The on-going intervention by this forum of political parties in KwaMashu follows the recent spate of killings believed to be caused by political tension and intolerance.

Commenting after the multi-party meeting, Mchunu alluded to the importance of meeting political party leaders to "liberate" themselves from political tensions and violence.

"The multi-party strongly condemns incidents of political violence and appeals for calm and restrain. The committee decided to engage the local leadership of the KwaMashu hostel to cascade down the spirit of peace and tolerance. This will ensure that as the IEC prepares for the voter registration for the by-election, the environment is stable and allows free political activities. We welcome the commitment of all political parties and their leaders to work for peace in the province," said Mchunu.

The meeting overwhelmingly welcomed the initiative by His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini to convene a provincial peace process recently.

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