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MEDIA ALERT

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MCHUNU DISMAYED BY ON-GOING KILLINGS OF POLITICIANS IN THE PROVINCE

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has expressed dismay following the killing of a prominent IFP member in Oshabeni, South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal.

Mchunu learnt that yesterday, Bongani Lushaba who was also a local taxi association leader was ambushed while driving from his home, driving on St Faiths road.

Thirteen AK 47 cartridges were recovered on the scene. The motive of the killing is not clear so far. Lushaba is the third politician to be murdered in the area of oShabeni in less than two months.

Two ANC leaders serving under oShabeni branch were killed on their way from an ANC meeting. One suspect has been sentenced to 22 year by the Pietermaritzburg court. One is standing trial in court.

This comes at a time when we are all putting efforts to address violence in the KwaMashu hostel.

Mchunu welcomed the recent arrest on a third suspect following the killing of ANC leaders in the area. Commenting on the recent killing, Mchunu express concerned on the on-going killings of politician in the South Coast of the province.

"We strongly condemn the killing of political party members in oShabeni. The recent incident and killings are a cause for concern. I, however have confidence to the police. They have dealt with such cases decisively. I appeal to all political parties to refrain from violence but opt to negotiations to resolve disputes. We must all work hard to ensure that free political activities are taking place in the province. I wish to send my condolences to the Lushaba family," said Mchunu.

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