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**MEDIA ALERT**

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**MCHUNU APPEALS FOR CALM FOLLOWING THE KILLING OF THE SON  
OF NFP LEADER IN KWAMASHU.**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has vowed that police will work tirelessly to find the killers of the son of NFP NEC member, Bhungu Gwala.

Siphamandla Gwala (20) was killed yesterday at around 18h50 at E Section, in KwaMashu.  
At this stage the motive of the killing is unknown but politics cannot be ruled out.

Mchunu also expressed concerns at the unacceptably high levels of on-going killings of people in KwaMashu, especially at the hostel. There have been several incidents of killings taking place in this hostel and surrounding areas, some of which are fuelled by political tensions.

Numerous interventions have been made by the Department of Community Safety and Liaison, including launching Community Policing Forum (CPF) and sub-forums at the KwaMashu hostel.

The Gwala killing comes at a time when the province is applauding the good work by the police on various cases of political killings, including the sentencing of Sifiso Khumalo for 22 years following the killings of two ANC leaders in oShabeni, outside Port Shepstone on the South Coast.

Mchunu appealed for calm and encouraged political party leaders to campaign for peace and political tolerance in the province. **"I condemn the killing of Gwala in KwaMashu. No matter what the motive is, police will work around the clock to find perpetrators. I have confidence that the police will make a breakthrough soon. We are concerned with the KwaMashu area as it continues to witness unacceptably high levels of murder and other contact crimes. We appeal for calm as police are doing their best to get to the bottom of this case. I also appeal to leaders of political parties to educate their members on the importance of political tolerance and peace. I wish to send my condolences to the Gwala family,"** said Mchunu.

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