

## **MEDIA INVITE**

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## KZN DOT INTERVENES IN THE UMKHOMAZI TAXI DISPUTE

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu will tomorrow send a delegation from the Public Transport Directorate to intervene in the Taxi dispute in UMkhomazi.

The dispute over route operation involved three association: UMkhomazi, Thuthukani and Vulamehlo taxi association.

The Team from the department will tomorrow convene an urgent meeting with the three associations in finding long-lasting solutions to the problems.

Mchunu was also surprised and shocked by the killing of Phumlani Ndaba who was a taxi operator in the area.

He described the incident as unfortunate and unacceptable

"We are hoping that tomorrows meeting will put to rest the ongoing tensions in this area. As a department we are committed in harmonizing operations in the taxi industry. We regard Ndaba's killing as senseless and unacceptable. We appeal to the police to investigate and leave no stone unturned. We want to make it clear that there is no space for anarchy in the taxi industry."

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