



MEDIA UPDATE

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MCHUNU ALARMED AT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF ALLEGED WITCH HUNTS

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has expressed his concern at the high number of alleged witch hunts that have gripped communities lately.

This he said after learning that another family in Ndwedwe has been accused of witch craft following a recent fatal attack on two senior citizens in Lindelani.

Tholakele Ndlovu from Ndwedwe is living in fear after she also was accused of witch craft.

Mchunu said this was unacceptable and that the department was going to intervene and ensure that the family is safe. He also said the department will meet with the municipality, the traditional leadership, the local councilor and the community of Ndwedwe.

“I am shocked to hear of another threat of witch craft. Such allegations should be reported to the police for the law to take its course. Last week we held a workshop for the community-based crime fighting structures. Within these workshops we hope to teach community members how to effectively fight crime within the boundaries of the law and to also mobilize communities to fight crime by reporting it to the police. We will meet with the community in order to hear all sides of the story. In the meantime we urge communities to remain calm until the meeting convenes. The police will also monitor the situation until normality is restored.

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