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## **MEDIA ALERT**

TO : ALL MEDIA

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ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

## MEC MCHUNU APPEALS FOR CALM AFTER THE BRUTAL MURDER OF ANC WEMBEZI LEADER.

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu expressed utter disgust and shock at the brutal murder of ANC Wembezi leader in Estcourt.

Mchunu described the killing of Sibusiso Majola, ANC Nomsa Mthiya branch leader as unacceptable and senseless.

According to the police report, Majola was killed on Friday at around 20h00 in EMahhashini soccer field.

At this stage the motive of the killing is unknown but Mchunu has commended the swift reaction by the police who immediately after the incident managed to arrest two suspects. The two suspects are expected to appear in court soon.

Wembezi has been one of the most problematic areas when it comes to cases of political killings and intimidation.

Many interventions have been made by MEC Mchunu and the multi-political party oversight committee to root-out criminal activities and to harmonize political relations in the area.

Mchunu also appeals for calm after learning that the community of Wembezi barricaded roads demanding that justice be done.

"It is unfortunate that again a political leader was killed in Wembezi. This area has been a political hot-spot. I am concerned that this latest incident will again tarnish the work we have done in this area. Even though the motive for this killing is not known, I appeal for calm and for police to be given space to work on all outstanding cases. I also commend the police for arresting the two suspects. I would also like to send my condolences to the Majola family," said Mchunu.

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