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MEDIA ALERT

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MEC MCHUNU SPEAKS AGAINST POLITICAL INTOLERANCE IN WEMBEZI AFTER A BRUTAL MURDER OF ANC VOLUNTEER

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has intervened in the brutal murder of ANC volunteer and a party agent.

Mr Sabelo Sokhela was killed at Zola primary School in Wembezi Township on Sunday (10 November 2013) at 21h15.

It is alleged that Mr Sabelo Sokhela was brutally murdered because of his affiliation to the ANC and this incident is perceived to be part of on-going political intolerance in the area.

Reports received by the police reveal that Sokhela's name was also on the hit list that is doing its rounds at the moment in the Wembezi policing area.

MEC Mchunu, who has been leading the provincial campaign to end political violence, yesterday (Thursday, November 14, 2014) visited Wembezi to engage with the local leadership and the police.

He expressed his dismay that Wembezi continued to experience incidents of political killings and urged all political parties to strive for peace and political tolerance.

“This latest killing is an indication that there is still a lot of work to be done in this part of the province to ensure political stability. ”

“We condemn in strongest term such incidents because they undermined the gains we have made in ensuring peaceful political co-existence.”

“We are, however, confident that police will soon make a breakthrough in this case and apprehend the suspects. I appeal to everyone with information to work with the police. On behalf of the Government of KwaZulu-Natal, I would like to send our deepest condolences to the Sokhela family,” said MEC Mchunu.

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