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MEC MCHUNU SPEAKS OUT ON THE BURNT OFFICES OWNED BY KWANDENGEZI TAXI ASSOCIATION

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has expressed his concerns after the KwaNdengezi Taxi Association offices were burnt down on Monday night by unknown men.

Preliminary reports reveal that there was an internal conflict between the KwaNdengezi Association and their drivers regarding the working conditions, which has led to some of the drivers going on strike. No arrests have been made and it is still not known at this stage what caused the fire pending investigations. MEC Mchunu has declared his faith in the police in apprehending the perpetrators of this bad deed.

MEC has further urged for peace and stability within the association. "I have assigned a team from the public transport unit to meet with the association to discuss those issues at hand. However I would like to request the members and drivers of kwaNdengezi taxi association to remain calm as the police are busy with the investigations. Co-operation from the associations and drivers is vital at this stage to avoid any violence that may compromise the safety of innocent passengers," said Mchunu.

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