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MEC MCHUNU CONDEMNS SHOOTING INCIDENT AT INANDA

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has expressed his disappointment at, and condemned, yet another shooting incident at Machobeni taxi rank in Inanda, which occurred yesterday afternoon.

Reports reveal that Mhlukanise Mzikayifani Ncani and Thokozani Nsele were in a Toyota Tazz when two BMW sedans with unidentified would-be assailants opened fire at them. The two tried to retaliate but the shooters managed to flee the scene. Ncani and Nsele sustained several gun-shot wounds and are in a critical condition at the nearby hospital, where they are being treated. No arrests have yet been, but investigations are ongoing. The reason for this shooting is unknown at this stage.

"These senseless shootings aimed at destabilising taxi operations must be nipped in the bud. We do not need any more conflict than we have witnessed in the past. The great strides made so far in ensuring industry peace and stability, by isolating anarchists and criminals, must be protected. That is why the SAPS must work with speed to catch the suspects. In the meantime, the Department will meet with the Greater North Regional Taxi Industry Leadership to identify and resolve any internal issues that might be confronting the Inanda taxi association. I would like to urge anyone with information to come forward and assist the police in bringing the perpetrators to book. I would also like to wish the injured operators a speedy recovery," said Mchunu.

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