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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC MCHUNU MEETS KWADUKUZA COMMUNITY TO CLARIFY TAXI ROUTE**

**KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu** met with the KwaDukuza community this afternoon, to clarify measures the department has taken to end taxi violence in the area.

At the meeting, Mchunu reiterated that the Maphumulo taxi association does not have authority to operate on the Darnall to Stanger route as per the department's records.

The consultation session with community members followed to meeting where all the affected associations were present together with their legal representatives, which aimed to resolve conflict.

Mchunu held a series of meetings with KwaDukuza and Maphumulo taxi associations following incidents of shootings, which resulted in killings and endangered the lives of commuters.

Safety, the conduct of taxi operators and removal of private security companies from taxi ranks featured prominently among the issues raised by community members.

Mchunu assured community members that their safety remained a priority and would be provided through law enforcement. He also emphasised that due processes had to be followed to address some of their concerns.

**"I have noted all the concerns raised and it should be known that no laws will be broken in addressing them. We will engage with all relevant role players towards reaching an everlasting solution and provide feedback. I also insist that security companies be removed from the ranks as they fuel instability and compromise the safety of both passengers and operators,"** said Mchunu.

Mchunu also visited three homes that were damaged during a gun fight related to the taxi conflict. He said he would engage the MEC for Human Settlement, Mr. Ravi Pillay, to assist with refurbishing the damaged houses.

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