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ACTING MEC DHLOMO CONDEMNS LINDELANI KILLINGS

Acting MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo, has strongly condemned yesterday afternoon's (8 July 2014) killing of the Lindelani Taxi Association's executive committee member together with another man in Lindelani, near Durban.

Preliminary reports have revealed that Mr. Mavela Mhlungu, an executive member of the Lindelani Taxi Association, was shot and killed on the side of the road in Lindelani by unknown assailants who then fled the scene. Another man, identified as Mr. Themba Ncayiyana, described to be a mechanic, was also shot and died on the same scene.

The South African Police Service is investigating the cause of the killings and have since opened cases of murder.

MEC Dhlomo has described the killings as senseless and aimed at perpetuating the destabilisation of the taxi industry.

“While the cause of the killings is yet to be determined by the investigation of the police, it is very clear to us that they are aimed at undermining taxi industry peace and stability. On behalf of the government, I wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Mhlungu and Ncayiyana families. We also urge members of the community who may have information to share it with the police thus ensuring that the assailants are arrested with speed. Let us be clear, lawlessness will not win the day in our province. We will ensure that the perpetrators of violence are punished, for the sake of safeguarding the lives of citizens as well as sustaining taxi industry peace, stability and growth,” said Dhlomo.

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