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MEC MCHUNU SPEAKS OUT ON THE SHOOTING OF FOUR PEOPLE AT THE KWADUKUZA TAXI RANK

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has strongly condemned the shooting that ensued at the KwaDukuza taxi rank this morning, leaving four people injured.

Preliminary police reports reveal that there was a shooting between taxi operators at KwaDukuza taxi rank between unknown groups. It is alleged that unknown people fired shots at a long distance taxi carrying passengers, leaving four people injured. They were all taken to the nearby hospital.

No arrests have been made pending investigation although members of the South African Police Service have been deployed to monitor the situation.

Reacting to this shooting, MEC Mchunu expressed utter disgust at the behaviour of those who continue destabilise the taxi industry in KwaDukuza.

"These occasional shootings at the taxi ranks, especially in KwaDukuza, are completely unacceptable and condemned in the strongest terms possible. Thousands of people in this area rely on taxis to transport them daily and it cannot be that they are subjected to this danger to their lives. This must come to an end. The SAPS will act swiftly to arrest the perpetrators of violence in the taxi industry and maintain the peace and stability we have worked hard to achieve over many years," said Mchunu.

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