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MEC MCHUNU INTERVENES IN KWANDENGEZI TAXI VIOLENCE

THE MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, today (7 August 2015) met with KwaNdengezi Taxi Association following the resurfacing of taxi violence that has seen more than four members of the association killed including Computer Nene who was gunned down in Durban this week.

Several others have also been attacked but survived. Tensions have been growing in the area after some members of the Association are alleged to have grounded operations of the Association.

These members are also accused of running their own parallel structure, which in the process undermines the current executive.

MEC Mchunu met with the Association led by Mlungisi Mbhele to understand the current challenges faced by the Association.

Following this meeting Mchunu has agreed to meet with the members who are alleged to be behind the shutdown of normal operations in KwaNdengezi Taxi Association, Police and Inkosi Shoji of Emangangeni.

"I am very concerned about the resurfacing of violence in KwaNdengezi and loss of so many lives. I would like to appeal for calm amongst all members of the Association and to give the department space to try find long lasting interventions to the current challenges faced by the Association. I want to have met all stakeholders by the end of next week," said Mchunu.

MEC also instructed the Department to work with the Association to do an audit of all taxi owners and their registered vehicles against the list that the department has.

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