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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### **MEC MCHUNU CONCERNED AT CONTINUED KILLINGS OF TAXI OPERATORS IN LAMONTVILLE**

KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has expressed concerns at the continued incidents of killings in Lamontville taxi association, in Durban.

Hardly a month after the association's Chairperson, Mr. Vela Ndebele, was killed, another taxi operator identified as Bhabha Dlamini was brutally murdered yesterday.

Preliminary reports reveal that Dlamini (50) was attacked by unknown assailants who opened fire and shot him several times, and died on the scene. The motive of the killing is unknown and police have confirmed no arrests have been made so far.

MEC Mchunu expressed disgust at the on-going killings, saying that all stops would be pulled out to bring about peace and stability in the taxi industry in the province.

**"This incident has brought fear to the taxi industry in the area and also the community at large as this is not the first incident of this nature. We have assigned a team from our Public Transport Unit to investigate what is fueling these killings in Lamontville. We also remain optimistic that police will find perpetrators of Dlamini's murder. This incident will not deter us as we are making serious progress in terms of bringing about peace and stability in the taxi industry. I would like to appeal to the community members to assist the police if they have any information linked to this killing. On behalf of the government, I would like to send our deepest condolences to the family of the deceased,"** said Mchunu.

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