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MEC MCHUNU CONDEMNS KILLING OF TAXI OWNER IN SWAYIMANE

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has strongly condemned the killing by unknown assailants of a taxi owner in Swayimane last Saturday (14 February 2015).

Reports reveal that Mr. Mphayikeli "Ntshebe" Mbeje (55) who is a taxi operator in Swayimane and also Mayville, Durban, was ambushed by unknown men at his homestead in Swayimane. He was shot and killed, with 16 rounds of ammunition found on scene.

The motive of the shooting is unknown and no arrest has been made at this stage while investigations continue.

"Mr. Mbeje's killing is extremely disturbing, showing as it does that some among us still host the mistaken beliefs that killings and violence will solve problems. They don't, but only serve to perpetuate more conflict and violence. As society, we must rise up and put a stop to violence and all forms of crime. On behalf of government, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Mbeje, and urge police to find the killers with speed," said Mchunu.

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