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MEC MCHUNU CONCERNED AT LATEST ATTACKS IN KWAMAPHUMULO

THE KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has expressed his disappointment at the violent attack in KwaMaphumulo, which left three taxis burnt and three people injured.

Preliminary reports have revealed that three taxis were burnt yesterday afternoon (19 May 2015) and that bullets were fired, injuring three people. One person was seriously injured and admitted in hospital.

The incident is suspected to be linked to the taxi-feud that has plagued the area.

Mchunu today (20 May 2015) expressed his utter disappointment at this incident, which he said continued to undermine the broader taxi industry peace and stability enjoyed in the province.

“We strongly condemn this incident and call on members of the public who might have witnessed it to report to the police so that those responsible would be brought to book soon. While this is an isolated incident, we are concerned that it should not undermine our efforts to stabilise the taxi industry. We are satisfied that our interventions to bring peace and stability in KwaDukuza/Maphumulo is bearing fruits,” said Mchunu.

He called on the taxi associations to exercise restraint and allow the police to investigate this matter.

“Let us not do anything that is going to plunge the taxi industry into violence, but work together to safeguard peace and stability in this industry,” said Mchunu, wishing a speedy recovery to those who were injured.

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