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## MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### **MEC MCHUNU CONCERNED AT THE BURNING OF TAXIS IN ULUNDI**

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, had expressed concern over the simmering tension which has led to the burning of three taxis in uLundi/Mahlabathini Taxi Association.

Mchunu has called for calm and appealed to members of uLundi/Mahlabathini Taxi Association to resolve their internal disputes peacefully.

Mchunu was commenting in the wake of three taxis belonging to uLundi operators being burnt amidst allegations of a power struggle within the association.

Police have confirmed investigating three cases of malicious damage to property and cases of intimidation.

"We are concerned with the development at uLundi. This area has been peaceful and without incidents of violence in the taxi industry for a very long time. What is now happening is disappointing and must be condemned in the strongest terms," said Mchunu.

Police have since increased deployment of their members to ensure effective monitoring of the situation in the area.

Mchunu further mentioned that he has called a meeting to engage with the leadership of the association.

"We have invited the leadership of the taxi association this week. We are hoping for clarity of what is happening and the root-cause of the latest incidents so we can quickly deal with the matter before the situation gets out of hand," said Mchunu.

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