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MEC MCHUNU CONTINUES MEDIATION EFFORTS IN KWAMAPHUMULO

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Willie Mchunu yesterday (26 May 2015) continued with his mediation efforts in the taxi violence amongst the KwaMaphumulo Taxi Associations which has seen passengers getting caught in the crossfire.

Taxi violence has been escalating in the area in recent weeks following an election last month of a parallel structure consisting of members who were expelled from the KwaMaphumulo Taxi Association. This parallel structure is now contesting the legitimacy of the current KwaMaphumulo Taxi Association which has led to conflicts.

A tertiary student and school pupil were left injured in two different taxi attacks in the area. Taxis belonging to members of the KwaMaphumulo Taxi Association have also been burnt.

MEC Mchunu yesterday met with the executive committee of the KwaMaphumulo Taxi Association and the parallel structure led by the expelled members.

In this meeting MEC Mchunu directed the legal team of the Department of Transport and Community Safety and Liaison and attorneys of the KwaMaphumulo Taxi Association to assess the legal issues or disputes over operating permits and licences in order to speed up the process of issuing permits to ensure that only legal operators are able to operate in the area.

Following last week's and yesterday's consultation meetings, MEC Mchunu told the association and the expelled members that he would soon make recommendations to Premier Senzo Mchunu on a long term solution to resolve the KwaMaphumulo taxi conflict.

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