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MEC MCHUNU CONDEMNS SENSELESS SHOOTING SPREE WHICH LEFT ONE PERSON DEAD AND TWO INJURED

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willie Mchunu, has strongly condemned the shooting spree that left one (1) taxi owner dead and two (2) others sustaining serious injuries in Molweni near Hillcrest this morning.

Preliminary reports reveal that a Taxi Owner from Molweni- Wyebank Taxi Association was driving his vehicle with two other taxi owners in Molweni area. They were ambushed by three (3) gunmen who opened fire at them, resulting in the death of Mr Khaye Malinga (driver) and with his friends Sibukile and Mngqobi Shangase critically injured and taken to hospital.

It is alleged that the suspects were picked up by a get-a-way car and fled the scene. Hillcrest police have confirmed the incident and said the motive was still unknown. No arrests have been made, however, police are working around the clock to bring the perpetrators to book and have appealed to all who may have information to come forward.

MEC Mchunu today (03 December 2015) expressed his sincere shock at this incident and has warned that those who seek to bring instability in the Province would be dealt with harshly.

"I am deeply saddened at this incident which is totally unnecessary and unacceptable. We also wish to indicate to those who wish to plunge the taxi industry into a blood bath and chaos that the Government will not allow that," warned Mchunu.

MEC Mchunu further appealed for calm and urged everyone with the information to work with the police to ensure culprits are arrested, and that law and order was maintained in the province.

Mchunu also expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr Malinga and wished those injured a speedy recovery.

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