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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

#### **MEC DHLOMO AND KAUNDA TO CONDUCT SECURITY ASSESSMENT AT KING EDWARD VII FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF TWO PEOPLE**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo - together with the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison - Mr Mxolisi Kaunda, will visit King Edward VIII to conduct security assessment following the killing of employees in recent weeks.

The visit by the two MEC's follows the killing of two people this week in what is believed to be part of unrests going on in some public hospitals, mainly around Durban.

The MECs' will firstly receive a briefing from the police, security management of the hospital and conduct a walk about assessment inside the hospital. The culmination of the visit will be the announcement of a security plan to secure both patients and hospital staff.

MEC Dhlomo and Kaunda met a few weeks ago to reflect on the situation and they have both expressed concerns at the escalation of these violent incidents, which are threatening the lives of the public.

“These incidents are threatening the lives of people, who, on daily basis are relying on our hospitals for medical help. We will work flat-out as government with all security agencies to ensure protection of our staff and patients,” said MEC Dhlomo.

Commenting on the recent killings, MEC Kaunda described them as serious acts of criminality, vowing that government and security agencies would work around the clock to ensure that perpetrators are brought to book.

“We cannot allow our public institutions to be turned into killing fields. Together with the MEC for Health, we will conduct assessment and receive a report from the police that will guide our interventions moving forward. We are determined to ensure security of all our people, including

employees of government. We are calling for calm and an end to these senseless killings” said MEC Kaunda.

**Details for the MECs visit:**

Date : 15 July 2016  
Time : 07h30 am  
Venue : King Edward VII Hospital

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