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MEC KAUNDA CALLS ON HEIGHTENED TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT AFTER SEVERAL SPEED ARRESTS OVER WEEKEND

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has expressed shock and called on traffic police to intensify their operations following the arrest of several motorists for speeding, two for driving at more than 200 kilometres per hour (Km/h).

Kaunda has also called on tougher measures to be taken against errant motorists, saying these drivers deliberately violate the law and are posing a threat to the lives of other road users.

- Yesterday, a 28-year-old driver was arrested in Dokodweni on the N2, driving at an excessive speed of 219 km/h in a zone of 120 km/h.
- Again on the N2, in Msunduzi Bridge in Jozini, a driver was caught driving at 200 km/h.
- There were two other motorists who were arrested driving at 196 km/h in iFafa.
- Another driver was nabbed this morning on the N2 in Ifafa doing 174 km/h.

All the cases are now being handled by the South African Police Service.

Kaunda has strongly condemned the behaviour of these motorists, saying traffic officials have been mandated to stay vigilant as a majority of people are making their way back from a long weekend.

"These drivers clearly do not have respect for the law of this country. They are dangerous to themselves and to other road users. This sort of behaviour must be strongly discouraged. We commend all law enforcement agencies who are working day and night to ensure that those who violate the law are brought to book. We urge to justice system to take a harsher stance against those who violate road traffic laws, endangering the lives of other people," said Kaunda.

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Kaunda has also ordered traffic police to stay on high alert as traffic volumes are increasing on provincial and national roads today after the June 16 holiday. The traffic count between 10h00 and 11h00 this morning showed that 1 523 vehicles passed through at Mooi River Toll Plaza northwards and just over 500 southbound.

As part of stepping up efforts to fight transgressions on the road, MEC Kaunda last week received mobile testing equipment, which will improve enforcement and compliance even in deep remote areas of the province. This will form part of enhanced law enforcement and road safety campaigns by the province.

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