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MEC KAUNDA WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW ACTING PROVINCIAL POLICE COMMISSIONER

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda, has welcomed the appointment of the new acting KwaZulu-Natal Police Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Nhlanhla Lucky Mkhwanazi.

His appointment was announced yesterday during a press briefing by Police Minister, Bheki Cele. Lieutenant-General Mkhwanazi replaces Major-General Bheki Langa who was appointed after the suspension of provincial police commissioner Lieutenant-General Mmamonye Ngobeni.

Kaunda said he was looking forward to work with such an experienced crime fighter as KwaZulu-Natal has declared war against crime. Mkhwanazi brings a wealth of experience he has amassed over the years in the police service. His impeccable track record speaks for itself as he was previously an Acting National Commissioner. The fact that he rose through the ranks of the SAPS, is an indication that he is a dedicated police officer. He said that one of the urgent tasks General Mkhwanazi will be to work closely with the Justice Crime Prevention and Security cluster in dealing with suspected political killings, preparation for the upcoming general election and reducing crime in the province.

Kaunda also thanked Major-General Bheki Langa, for the sterling work he has done during his time as acting provincial commissioner. "As the provincial government, we have worked very well with Major-General Langa and were able to stabilise a number of crime hotspots in the province such as iNtshangwe, Richmond, Nongoma, Ladysmith and uMzimkhulu. It was under his leadership that the province began to make breakthroughs in arresting suspects implicated in the killings that have rocked the Gleblands Hostel. Through his efforts, the province was beginning to see a dramatic decline in cross-border crime, particularly the stealing and hijacking of vehicles in the Manguzi area near the Mozambican border post," said Kaunda.

Kaunda said he was pleased that the Minister of Police is giving the matter of a permanent provincial commissioner necessary attention.