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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC KAUNDA UNVEILS 2018 EASTER HOLIDAY SAFETY PLAN**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda has commended members of the provincial law enforcement agencies for the stellar work in reducing crime and fatal road accidents during the 2017 festive season.

Kaunda was speaking earlier today (23 March 2018) at Westville Correctional facility, outside Durban during the integrated Easter Plan meeting with heads of the Provincial law enforcement agencies.

The meeting sought to share the integrated plan with all station commanders so that they own and implement it.

Kaunda kick-started his day by a leading a search parade which was conducted inside the Westville Medium B prison, where cellphones and dagga were recovered inside the prison cells. This, according to Kaunda is a direct perpetuation of crime by inmates who clearly have direct links with the outside world and are able to direct criminal activities while serving time.

He further called for more stringent measures to be put in place to deal with corrupt officials who are participating in smuggling illegal substances in the cells.

During his address, Kaunda informed all those gathered that during the 2017 festive season the province (KZN) saw a 10% decrease in road fatalities. Moreover, a huge success was achieved in the arrests of 438 suspects for armed robbery, 6956 suspects for the violation of Firearm Control Act, Liquor Act and Second hand Goods Act.

"This decrease is reason enough to be proud of the excellent work done by our law enforcement officers in ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens and visitors who come to explore our beautiful province", said Kaunda.

Kaunda also made a call to all members of law enforcement agencies to stop planning operations focusing on holidays only but ensure that there is integrated plans which will run for 365 days.

"We must ensure that we squeeze the space for criminals and declare a war against crime. It for this reason that we have deployed a total of 26 000 law enforcement officers throughout the province to deal with lawlessness. Our law enforcement officers are up to the task and they are willing to provide a conducive environment for all our citizens and business operators. We will roll out our operations within our communities to fight all criminal elements. We will also

intensify our integrated law enforcement operations to fight lawlessness on our roads and reduce road fatalities”, added Kaunda.

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