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MEC KAUNDA CONDEMNS TORCHING OF TWO TRUCK ON N3

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda has condemned the burning of trucks along the N3 near Ashburton this morning.

Kaunda has called on the police to act swiftly and find the suspects behind this act of criminality.

Both north and south bound lanes are closed on N3 in Ashburton as emergency services are busy clearing the road. Motorists are advised to divert to Mkhondeni if they are heading south-bound and at the Lion Park if they are driving north-bound.

Government has embarked on a process to address the challenges facing truck drivers. This issue is being handled by the National and Provincial Task Teams led by the Department of Labour and the Premier's Office respectively. This task team is composed of all government departments relevant to the issues raised by the drivers.

"We therefore call for truck drivers to be patient and desist from embarking on actions that result in the damage of property," said Kaunda.

After the receiving reports that truck drivers will embark on a strike as from tomorrow, the Premier appealed to those behind the strike to ensure that it was peaceful and a legal strike. The Premier also called upon truck drivers to be responsible and not burn trucks and attack other people.

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