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KAUNDA COMMENDS THE ARRESTS OF 20 PEOPLE IN OVERNIGHT OPERATIONS ALONG KZN MAJOR ROUTES

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda has commended the police for their sterling work in arresting people along the major routes in the province who were in possession of petrol and firearms.

Since Friday, the police have been on high alert in preparation for the truck drivers' strike which was scheduled to start yesterday.

On Saturday evening, three trucks were torched in the province along the N3 in Ashburton and N2 near Port Shepstone. Kaunda has condemned the incident and urged the police to speed up investigations to find suspects behind this incident. **"This is an act of economic sabotage and anarchy and we will not tolerate it,"** said Kaunda.

20 people have been arrested in Richards Bay, Malvern and Estcourt for blockading the road, possession of unlicensed firearms and petrol. Police also identified a car that was linked to a case where a truck that was set alight.

The MEC assures road users that police will be on high alert in all major routes in the province to monitor the strike, particularly the violent behaviour. **"We expect the strike to be peaceful and no blockading of roads and destruction of property will be allowed,"** said Kaunda.

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Multi-disciplinary law enforcement operations by the SAPS, RTI, Department of Labour and Home Affairs are already underway. The operations include checking of work permits, drivers' licences and authority to drive heavy vehicles.

“Through these operations, companies that are not compliant have been identified and drivers without permits deported. We have even arrested people who were smuggling drugs in the country. We therefore, commend the police and other government departments for this sterling work,” said Kaunda.

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