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MEC NTULI CONDEMNS THE SHUT DOWN OF THE TAXI RANK IN LADYSMITH

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Bheki Ntuli has condemned in the highest degree the shutdown of a taxi rank in Ladysmith by two security companies.

The shutting down of the taxi rank allegedly by Black Watch and Qomukufa security companies resulted in scores of commuters being stranded and looking for alternative transport.

The Public Regulatory Entity of the Department of Transport has dispatched a team to Ladysmith to establish the cause of the security companies linked to taxi associations shutting down the taxi rank.

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liason, Bheki Ntuli said: "I strongly condemn this act of shutting down the taxi rank without any prior consultation and notice, this creates havoc, unnecessary panic and uncertainty to the commuters. We have engaged with the private security fraternity to discourage such acts where their members act like a law upon themselves thus operating outside the ambit of the law. We will engage with PSIRA which regulates the private security industry to engage these security companies," said Ntuli.

The police were dispatched to clear the scene and ensure that operations return to normal.

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