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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **MEC KAUNDA SENDS DEPARTMENT'S OFFICIALS TO DOLPHIN COAST TAXI ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF ITS CHAIRPERSON**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda has sent a team of senior officials from the Department of Transport to intervene in the Dolphin Coast Taxi Association following the killing of its Chairperson, Cedric Ntombela last night.

Police received information about a murder of in eThembeni, outside KwaDukuza, around 9 pm last night. Upon their arrival at the scene, the police discovered the deceased in a white bakkie with four gun-shot wounds.

Kaunda has condemned the incident and asked the police to speed up the investigation and established what could have been the motive behind the incident. "The investigation must also assist us not only to find those who pulled the trigger, but also the plotters," said Kaunda.

Although the police are still busy with the investigation, which will also establish if the incident is taxi-related, the Department had made numerous interventions before to stabilize the situation in the Dolphin Coast Taxi Association following a number of killings, particularly of the leadership of the association. "These interventions yielded positive results as the association has been stable until the latest incident," said Kaunda.

The Department will also look at the behavior of the private security industry involved in the taxi business to ensure that they provide their services within the ambit of the law. We are confident that the police will leave no stone unturned to ensure that the perpetrators of this incident are brought to book. On behalf of the provincial government, we would like convey our deepest condolences to family of the deceased" said Kaunda

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