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MEC KAUNDA COMMITS TOUGH ACTION ON ERRANT MOTORISTS AND APPLAUDS WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS OVER THE WEEKEND

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda has warned errant road users in the province that their days are numbered.

Kaunda was addressing hundreds of mourners in Louwsberg near Vryheid of seven people who died in a bus crash along R 36 between Nongoma and Vryheid last week.

Kaunda said that currently government was engaging all role-players in the law enforcement fraternity including the judiciary to ensure that people who disregard road rules face the full might of the law.

“These discussions are currently underway, and we are pleased that there is willingness from all of us to end road carnage. Our special focus will be on those who drink and drive, over-speed and un-roadworthy vehicles. While we are implementing these measures, we are also going to intensify awareness campaigns, law enforcement operations and improve the conditions of our road network, particularly in hazardous zones,” said Kaunda.

As part of increasing police visibility on the road, Kaunda applauded women law enforcement officers for the multidisciplinary roadblock they are conducting during the Women’s Month (August). Over the weekend, a number of drivers were arrested throughout the province for several infringements in roadblocks conducted by women in law enforcement.

In Vryheid, the women in uniform managed to stop 750 vehicles and charged 48 drivers for various traffic offences including drinking and driving. 32 summonses were also issued.

In Pietermaritzburg, 23 drivers were arrested for drinking and driving in another operation conducted by women in law enforcement.

Kaunda said that these operations will be sustained throughout the year to end road carnage in the province.

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