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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **MEC NTULI ORDERS LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES TO BEEF-UP SECURITY ON BRIDGES TO CURB ROCK THROWING INCIDENTS**

In a concerted joint effort to curb alarming incidents of rock throwing on bridges in KwaZulu-Natal, Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC Bheki Ntuli has called for law enforcement agencies, including the South African Police Service and Road Traffic Inspectorate to beef up patrols along key routes and bridges.

These interventions are being implemented following numerous reports that rocks and bricks were being thrown at vehicles from overhead bridges.

Previously such criminal acts have caused fatalities and unnecessary havoc on the road. A joint task team was assembled by the Department of Transport, police, eThekweni metro and SANRAL. The focus was to monitor freeways, mainly the N3 and N2. Through this joint effort, some suspects were arrested and sentenced by courts.

The reports that some incidents have been reported recently has prompted MEC Ntuli to reactive the task team to address this issue. The plan is reactivated as part of the rolling festive season integrated safety plan.

It is believed that the motive behind these incidents is to hijack vehicles, but security measures were in place to mitigate any security threats.

**“The modus operandi is that once a rock is thrown the motorist is then forced to stop, after which, they may be attacked. Other possible motives are being investigated by law enforcement authorities. We will not allow lawlessness to prevail in our province and all perpetrators will be brought to book. Law enforcement officials will be deployed across all corners of the province to ensure the safety of all road users.”**

MEC Ntuli urged motorists to be extra vigilant and observant when approaching bridges and not to stop under any circumstance, but rather to remain calm and drive to the nearest police station or service station from where they can call the police.

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