

MEDIA ADVISORY

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MEC KAUNDA CALLS FOR SWIFT ACTION AGAINST THOSE IMPLICATED IN BLOCKADING
OF ROADS AND TORCHING OF SEVEN TRUCKS IN MOOI RIVER

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, hascondemned the torching of seven trucks between Mooi River and Estcourt today (28 March 2019).

In the early hours of the morning, a group of armed men barricaded the N3 and torched seven trucks. No one was hurt and a case of malicious damage to property was opened and the police are still investigating.

In April last year, 35 trucks were damaged along the N3 in Mooi River.

Kaunda has condemned the incidentand urged the police to act swiftly to apprehend suspects who are implicated in the incident. We can't have a situation where people will just wake up in the morning and blockade a national road. This sends a wrong message about our country, particularly the province, both locally and abroad," said Kaunda.

Kaunda urged the local truck drivers to respect the engagement process and the interventions that government has put in place to address their plight.

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He called upon members of the community who may have witnessed the incident to share information with the police so that those who are implicated in the blockading of road and damage to property can face the full might of the law.

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