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### **KWAZULU-NATAL FEMALE MEC'S INTENSIFIES ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AS PART OF THE WOMEN'S DAY COMMEMORATION**

In an unprecedented show of women power, four female members of the Provincial Executive Council joined law enforcement agencies to intensify Provincial efforts aimed at building safety and stability.

The law enforcement operation is part of celebrating National Women's Day was held at the Oribi Toll Plaza in Port Shepstone.

On this day in 1956, more than 20 000 courageous women from all walks of life led by brave women such as Lilian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Albertina Sisulu, and Sophia Williams-De Bruyn risked being targeted and arrested when united in a mass demonstration to the Union Buildings in Pretoria. They protested against the unjust pass laws enforced on women in South Africa.

The female MECs used the occasion to encourage women in the law enforcement fraternity to double their efforts in protecting vulnerable citizens.

"We decided to join these wonderful women today, to show them support and salute them for the great work that they are doing to protect our nation. Together with these women we are paving a way for the next generations to come so that they can live in societies that respect women and recognises the role played by women" said MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni.

Nkonyeni said this activity is essential as takes place few days after a devastating accident that killed six people including an infant child between Ixopo and St Faiths in the early hours of Sunday morning. Preliminary reports suggest that a Madza 323 with three occupants was trying to overtake a minibus taxi on a sharp bend when collided head-on with an oncoming Toyota Corolla also with three occupants.

The roadblock forms part of the series of engagements by the Provincial government under the leadership of the Justice Crime Prevention and Security Cluster (JCPS). A number of roadblocks are strategically being conducted across

the province as more people are expected to be traveling back to their respective homes after the long weekend.

The focus is also given to compliance and to ensure that road users especially, those using public transport are also adhering to the Covid-19 regulations such as wearing of face masks.

Speaking at the roadblock, MEC for Health, Ms Nomagugu Simelane said the health of public transport users is equally important. She also commended women in the law enforcement fraternity for their bravery.

"We understand that women in the security cluster are not always appreciated as they should be, yet they face challenges as just as men do. They are sometimes being undermined by communities from time to time, so our intention today was to strengthen them and to say we are behind them 100 percent." said MEC Simelane.

Other female MEC's who joined the operation include the MEC for Social Development, Ms Nonhlanhla Khoza and MEC for Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation, Ms Hlengiwe Mavimbela.

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