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## Media Alert

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### **MEC NKONYENI CONDEMNS VIOLENCE IN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT INDUSTRY**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni, has condemned the violence the public transport industry after a gruesome murder of a taxi owner in Pinetown on Saturday.

Police investigations revealed that at about 09:30 in the morning, a black Mercedes was driving up Bamboo Lane in Pinetown when it was ambushed by assailants who were travelling in an unknown silver vehicle.

Further investigations revealed that a gun battle ensued, and the black Mercedes hit a wall on Windsor Road and the driver, an unidentified 53-year-old African male, was shot by the occupants of the silver vehicle. The driver sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the head and face. A case of murder has been opened pending further investigation.

In a separate incident, two bus driver siblings were shot and killed in Ndedwe on Monday afternoon, a month after their boss, owner of Injabuliso Bus Service was murdered in oThongathi.

According to reports it was alleged that two bus drivers, aged 36 and 38, were shot and declared dead on the scene, while injured passengers were taken to hospital for medical attention.

The suspects are believed to have fled in a silver Toyota Etios. The registration plates were removed. The case of murder has been opened pending further investigations.

MEC Nkonyeni condemned the killing of the victims as barbaric and unfortunate. "We strongly condemn these brutal acts and have called on

the police to move swiftly with the investigations to ensure that they arrest the heartless killers. The perpetrators will have to face the full might of the law. We take a firm stance against crime generally. On behalf of the provincial government, I wish to send my deepest condolences to the families of the deceased," she said.

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