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**MEC HLOMUKA TO ROLL-OUT OPERATION SIYAZENZELA AND LEAD INNOVATIVE CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN AT BHEKUZULU, VRYHEID**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka, will on Tuesday, 15 November lead the roll-out of operation Siyazenzela on D34 and D322 in Vryheid, AbaQulusi Local Municipality.

The MEC will also lead a campaign to fight the rampant usage of drugs and other deadly substances in Bhhekuzulu township.

Operation Siyazenzela is aimed at retaining the capacity of government by using its resources without relying on independent contractors to repair and maintain road infrastructure. Siyazenzela focuses more on re-gravelling, blading, and patching potholes.

Hlomuka will also convene a drug and substance abuse awareness campaign at Emadampini Sports Field, Ward 13 Bhhekuzulu, Vryheid under AbaQulusi Local Municipality.

This campaign forms part of the roll-out programmes of the recently launched November Safety Month.

This campaign is government's response to the rising "calls by concerned parents" regarding the spike in the number of youths that have become drawn into the dark world of taking and relying on drugs and alcohol.

Drug and alcohol dependency have been proven to be one of the contributors to increased criminality in many corners of the province.

Members of the media are invited to cover and report on these programmes.

Details of the programmes are as follows:

**DATE:** 15 November 2022

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**VENUE:** Emadampini Sports Field, Ward 13, Bhhekuzulu, Vryheid – AbaQulusi Local Municipality

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