



Media Advisory

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MEC HLOMUKA TO LEAD INTENSIVE EASTER LONG WEEKEND OPERATIONS TO REDUCE LEVELS OF CRIME AND CURB ROAD FATALITIES

As part of heightened law enforcement operations ahead of the Easter Long weekend, KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka, will on Thursday (06 April 2023) lead the monitoring on the N3.

The N3 is the busiest route linking KwaZulu-Natal with other neighbouring provinces such as Mpumalanga, Free State and Gauteng.

It is also a feeder to some of the neighbouring countries.

The monitoring of N3 and N2 is part of the Easter Long weekend safety plan, which was recently unveiled by the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Nomusa Dube-Ncube.

The plan encompasses safety on the road and fighting crime in communities.

During the launch Premier Dube-Ncube presided over the parade of the contingent of police who will be deployed to secure the province and its visitors during this period. She also launched new high-performance vehicles, which will be used to fight transgressions on the road and improve the response time.

MEC Hlomuka, who is also the Chairperson of Justice Crime Prevention and Security Cluster (JCPS), working with commanders of the enforcement agencies, including the Provincial Commissioner of Police, Lt General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi, will be on the ground throughout the Easter holidays.

Commenting ahead of the weekend's operation, MEC Hlomuka appealed to the people of KwaZulu-Natal and its visitors to behave responsibly and cooperate with law enforcement agencies.

"As part of the security plan recently launched in Pietermaritzburg, police will be deployed in all corners of the province. We want to deal with elements of criminality, including cracking down on most wanted criminals."

"There are hotspot areas which will be targeted for intelligence driven operations. Equally, we will increase vigilance on the road. There will be additional deployment from the National Traffic Police and new vehicles have been deployed. Our plan is to continue sustaining the reduction in both crashes and fatalities."



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"We appeal to everyone to adhere to all laws and regulations to protect and save lives, both on the road and in communities," said Hlomuka.

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