

## **Fake Drivers Licences: We publish the list of the accused who appeared in court.**

Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We are encouraged by the messages of support and tip-offs from communities following the arrest of 33 people in connection with the fraud and corruption associated with the issuing of drivers licences.

As we indicated, the number has increased to more than 87.

We attribute this success to the sterling work of our highly motivated and efficient team from the Traffic and Transport Inspection Unit, the Hawks, and the National Prosecuting Authority.

The support from the community for our road safety campaign is motivating us to do more to flush out elements that are producing fake and irresponsible drivers who are behind the carnage on our roads.

For the criminal syndicate to thrive, they rely on few rogue elements within the department and municipalities.

All examiners employed by either municipality or the KZN Department of Transport are registered by the province in terms of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996.

As an Executive Authority empowered by the Act, I wish to announce that any examiner found to be involved in the facilitation of this fraud and corruption will be deregistered and blacklisted. Drivers' licences will be revoked.

We are determined to show a firmer hand on criminal elements that have infiltrated our driver license centres in the province.

The majority of our workers are efficient and committed to serving the people of KwaZulu-Natal without falling prey to bribery, fraud, and corruption.

Our position is that fraud and corruption is a cancer that have the potential to irreparably harm the whole international standing of our province and its reputation amongst its citizens.

It will make people lose faith in the future of our democratic country. Fighting corruption is about the restoration of the fiber of our society.

We are inspiring hope for a Better Future

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