

## **Short Remarks by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma**

### **Press Briefing on Co-operation Agreement to Fight Crime convened by Police Minister Mchunu at the Durban City Hall**

20 September 2024

Police Minister Senzo Mchunu;  
Deputy Police Minister Cassel Mathale;  
Deputy Police Minister Shela Polly Boshielo;  
Mayor of eThekweni Cllr Cyril Xaba;  
Speaker of eThekweni Cllr Thabani Nyawose;  
Police Commissioner Fannie Masemola;  
Heads of department, Deputy City Managers and senior officials across all spheres of government;  
Stakeholders present;  
Members of the Fourth Estate.

Good Afternoon

We appreciate the presence of the Minister in KwaZulu-Natal.

As you know, this province boasts the longest coastline with the busiest ports of Richards Bay and Durban.

There is a lot of movement of goods in these ports as KZN is the economic hub. And in addition, we have the largest population in this province that must be secured.

Therefore, first and foremost, we wish to salute Police Minister Senzo Mchunu for convening this briefing as part of intensifying a united front against crime,

From the point of view of the Department of Transport we believe our fights to flush out elements that are involved in fraud and corruption associated with the issuing of drivers licences have received much needed boost from the men and women in blue.

We are saying this because we have just arrested 33 people involved in the issuing fraudulent learners and drivers' licences.

The number has increased to 87.

We thank the Hawks and National Prosecuting Authority.

Critically, the minister is ending the silo mentality and strengthening the co-operation involving eThekweni Metro, municipalities, SAPS and the provincial government.

In addition, we appreciate the fact that our efforts to ensure stability in the taxi industry are being strengthened by Minister Mchunu and the provincial commissioner Lt General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi.

The roadblocks and the work of Operation Shanela will continue in order to ensure road safety and safe movements of passengers.

With the Minister's support, we will act firmly against any disruption of construction projects – around transport and human settlements. Elements that are creating instability in the transport system will be attended to decisively.

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