

10 undocumented foreign nationals including three truck drivers arrested: Duma is happy with the first day of 177 newly recruited traffic officers as he targets trucks and undocumented foreign nationals driving trucks.

Media and public statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma

Mkondeni RTI Weighbridge, Pietermaritzburg: As indicated yesterday during the launch of Transport Month, we are intensifying multi-disciplinary operations as part of cleaning up our road networks.

Our highly efficient team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate, working with Home Affairs Immigration Unit, arrested 10 undocumented foreign nationals including three truck drivers.

We stopped 260 trucks and charged 13 truck drivers for the violation of traffic rules.

We are acting decisively against undocumented truck drivers who have turned our road networks into killing fields and high accident zones.

Over the past few months, we have recorded more than 30 accidents involving trucks—some driven by foreign nationals who disappeared after the accidents.

With 177 traffic officers graduating yesterday, today they will be involved in some of the operations that will involve assessing and monitoring truck activities at weighbridges.

They are already augmenting various operations undertaken by our highly efficient and dedicated team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate.

Importantly, over the past months, 207 891 vehicles were weighed at the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport's weighbridges, of which 48 973 (23.6%) were overloaded and 5 842 (2.8%) chargeable.

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