

Arrest them: #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation results in the arrest of undocumented foreign nationals along the N3: Duma warns owners of trucking companies that they will be arrested as well.

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Mkhondeni Weighbridge, Pietermaritzburg N3: Our energized team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate is systematically implementing #NenzaniLaEzweni Operations on strategic routes this weekend.

At 11h00 I received a report from the RTI team that is rolling out an operation at the Mkhondeni Weighbridge.

The following results are a clear indication of a zero tolerance:

- Arrest of three undocumented foreign nationals (Malawi);
- Massive racket involving foreign truck drivers with fraudulent drivers licences (Swaziland);
- One truck suspended;
- Taxi Driver from Mozambique without a route permit transporting passengers—some of whom are Malawians from Ermelo to Durban;
- Execution of eight warrants of arrest.

Some of the truck drivers who tried to avoid detection have been apprehended by our energetic RTI team working with colleagues from the following Departments and organisations:-

- SAPS Dog Unit, Vehicle Theft Unit and Highway Patrol Unit;
- Department of Home Affairs – Immigration Unit;
- Department of Labour and Employment;
- Cross Border Road Traffic Inspectorate;
- Umsunduzi Traffic Department;
- N3TC Toll Concession Patrol.

Following the discovery of millions of Rands worth of undeclared goods a few weeks ago, we have taken a decision to intensify our fight against cross-border crime.

We are focusing on combating the trafficking of undeclared and illicit goods.

Importantly, we are targeting and impounding trucks without permits.

We have taken a decision to ensure the arrest of the truck companies, as we believe that they are the perpetrators of the violation of the laws of the country.

I have mandated the RTI to have no mercy and come hard on individuals violating traffic regulations

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