

**Two e-hailing drivers have been shot and assaulted in KK Section KwaDabeka, Durban: Duma reaches out to the KZN e-Hailing Council and undertakes to work with Lt General Mkhwanazi to ensure decisive intervention**

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

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: I have been contacted by e-hailing drivers and passengers following the shooting and assault of e-hailing drivers in KK Section, KwaDabeka Township.

I want to assure them that we will work with KZN Police Commissioner Lt General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi to ensure peace and stability.

Over the past few minutes, we have been in touch with the leadership of the KZN e-Hailing Council.

They are currently at the KwaDabeka Police Station with the victims.

The leadership has offered to work with me and other key stakeholders to ensure that we do not see more bloodshed and the escalation of conflict.

In addition, I have mandated the Provincial Regulatory Entity's Operation Shanela to work with other law enforcement officers in order to avoid the repeat of what we witnessed in Maponya Mall.

The Dabeka shooting will unfortunately re-open healing wounds of relatives of the late e-hailing driver, Mthokozisi Mvelase.

Last week, Monday, the 18th of August, 2025, I mandated my office and Traffic Anchor Ayanda Msweli to meet with the leadership of KZN e-Hailing Council.

This meeting, which took place in Durban, was convened to prepare for a follow-up meeting with myself, the Provincial Regulatory Entity and other relevant stakeholders.

We remain committed to ensuring that there is co-existence between e-hailing drivers and the taxi drivers. These drivers are the backbone of the public transport system.

As the Department, we want to ensure that they all enjoy access to socio-economic opportunities.

Critically, we understand that there is confusion about routes and permits for e-hailing drivers – Uber and Bolt, etc.

It is for these reasons that in January this year, I assigned the Department's PRE unit to have regular meetings with the KZN e-hailing council, and representatives from Uber and Bolt.

These meetings will continue until the official introduction of the regulations for the e-hailing services under the amended National Land Transport Amendment (NLTA) Act.

The meeting between myself, the KZN e-hailing council, and PRE will ensure that we reflect on the state of readiness for the implementation of the e-hailing industry encompassing Uber and Bolt drivers.

We want to do what is in the interest of e-hailing operators, the taxi industry, and the public at large.

It is also important to note that the new Act gives the Minister of Transport authority and powers to regulate pricing in the e-hailing sector.

We want drivers to have a decent income, and on the other hand, members of the public must have affordable, safe, and reliable public transport.

Finally, we commit to work and support e-hailing drivers, who are mainly young people, who are determined to live a decent life.

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