

**A SANDF soldier, on duty, was arrested by a no-nonsense RTI for drunk driving. A Taxi Driver carrying passengers was also arrested with alcohol in his blood 20 times over the legal limit: Duma salutes RTI and Operation Shanela for their visibility throughout the corners of the province this weekend**

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: The arrest of an SANDF soldier on duty by our No-Nonsense Road Traffic Inspectorate is a clear indication that nobody is above the law.

The soldier was arrested yesterday during the execution of the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation in Ladysmith.

During this operation, 13 motorists were arrested for drunk driving, including a taxi driver with the concentration of alcohol in his blood 20 times over the legal limit. The taxi driver was carrying passengers.

This weekend alone, a total of 59 motorists were arrested, bringing the number of drunk driving arrests since the beginning of the operation in August last year to 6345.

Importantly, last Friday, we announced the deployment of more than 2000 highly efficient and No-Nonsense Road Traffic Inspectorate and Operation Shanela teams throughout the corners of the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

We wish to inform the people of this province that we ensured the free flow of traffic despite widespread fears of major disruption linked to the shutdown. There was no shutdown of traffic along the N2 and N3 freeways.

We thank the Provincial Commissioner Lt General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi for deploying SAPS members. They worked well with RTI and Operation Shanela Teams.

Those arrested for drunk driving this weekend is as follows:

1. SANDF Soldier
2. Taxi Driver carrying passengers (alcohol in his blood 20 times over the legal limit)
3. Eskom Quality Surveyor
4. Nurse
5. Teacher
6. Data Capture
7. Electrician
8. HR Officer

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