

**Crackdown on corruption and fraud associated with driver's license tests: Duma warns that any employee of the Department or members of the syndicate mandates who are arrested will be named and shamed. Duma has revived the Transport and Traffic Inspection Unit to dismantle this syndicate, which is responsible for the carnage on our roads**

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

Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: I have received a report about the arrest of a learner and an instructor from a private driving school.

The arrest, under the auspices of the #NenzaniLaEzweni operation, was executed by the revived Transport and Traffic Inspection Unit (TTIU) in the Umkondeni Driving and Testing Centre.

Through an intelligence-driven operation, the elite unit intercepted a conversation between a learner and an instructor from a private driving school about an exchange of R1800.

The discussion was about the release of a member of the syndicate who was detained at Alexander Police Station in Pietermaritzburg.

By and large, we have studied a corruption playbook used by syndicates in various centers across the province. We have therefore mandated the TTIU to dismantle the syndicates.

The Head of the Department, Zibusiso Dlamini, will be supporting the unit and will augment its operation with resources where necessary.

Critically, any employee of the Department of Transport who is involved in this racket will be dealt with harshly to set an example for others to see that the corruption game is over.

Furthermore, we will publicly identify and hold accountable those responsible for this racket in order to eliminate the corruption that seems to be deeply ingrained in our licensing centers.

With the successful implementation of the #NenzaniLaEzweni and the removal of drunk drivers on our roads, we are seeing a decrease in fatalities. Our target, the next target, is to end the sale of driver's licenses as part of stopping the carnage in KZN.

We are informed that between 30% and 50% of drivers on our road networks are using licenses obtained through fraud and corruption.

Last weekend we witnessed a motorist who failed to locate a hooter and to indicate a right and left turn.

This is a clear indication that there are many people on our roads who are a danger to other motorists.

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