

Guardrail Mafia Update – Patriotic South Africans from other provinces are approaching KZN: Duma says investigators received more evidence, which has assisted in closing legal gaps and linking Guardrail Mafia members to the removal of guardrails in various road networks. Mafia members to appear in KwaDukuza Magistrates Court 2, 19 August - 09h00

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

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: My office has been approached by patriotic South Africans from other provinces alerting us about the removal of guardrails by heartless members of the Guardrail Mafia.

We have handed over the details of the concerned South Africans to our specialized security team, which is working with a highly dedicated detective and members of the SAPS' organized crime unit.

We are inundated with calls and information from members of the public following our public announcement of our determination to dismantle the Guardrail Mafia. They are not only looting state resources but are also inflicting irreparable damage to families.

For instance, on March 9, 2025, nine church members, including a four-year-old child, died when a bus transporting them veered down an embankment along the N2 - between Mandeni and Stanger.

We wish to indicate investigators have received more evidence, which has assisted in closing legal gaps, and to link Guardrail Mafia members to the removal of guardrails on various road networks.

In this regard, Guardrail Mafia members will appear as follows:

Date: 19 August 2026

Time: 09h00

Venue: KwaDukuza Magistrates Court 2, 127 King Shaka Street, KwaDukuza Central.

Ends.

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