

Gunshots fired at the e-hailing driver, and female passengers were harassed and intimidated: Duma orders an investigation into security guards and is confident of a decisive action against those involved.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: From the onset, we wish to condemn, in the strongest terms, the violent attack on the e-hailing driver, the harassment, and the intimidation of helpless females in KwaNdengezi Township, west of Durban.

Last night we received distressed calls from the leadership of the KZN e-Hailing Council.

They shared a video showing an attack on the e-hailing driver who was transporting female passengers.

Security guards from a company allegedly hired by KwaNdengezi Taxi Association are seen in the circulating video brandishing guns and ordering the e-hailing driver to drop off female passengers.

We have been informed that shots were fired at the tyres resulting in the e-hailing driver losing control and his car colliding with another car.

We have assigned a team from our Public Regulatory Entity and Operation Shanela to investigate this matter, working with the South African Police Service and Metro Police.

In this regard, ballistic experts must be brought in to do spot examinations of any cartridges on the scene.

In particular, we are calling upon the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) to come closer to this matter. Clearly, the gun-wielding security guards must be investigated for the violation of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act.

Finally, we commit to ensuring stability in the public transport sector, working with the South African National Taxi Council and other key role players.

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