

Major arrest of the owner of a freight and logistics company in connection with hiring an undocumented foreign national truck driver: Duma says the owner has admitted violating Section 38 and Section 49(3) of the Immigration Act 13 of 2002 and the number of undocumented foreign national truck drivers arrested has increased from 8 to 12.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: The Road Traffic Inspectorate has arrested the owner of Kris Freight Logistics in connection with employing an undocumented foreign national. The truck was intercepted in Pietermaritzburg.

Importantly, the owner has admitted violating Section 38 and Section 49(3) of the Immigration Act 13 of 2002.

The number of undocumented foreign national truck drivers, who have been arrested during the execution of the [#NenzaniLaEzweni](#) operation this weekend, has increased from 8 to 12.

We salute female law enforcement officers for their firmness.

For a very long time we have been warning the freight and logistics industry that there will be severe consequences against those employing undocumented foreign nationals.

Our road networks should not be used by employers who are deliberately using cheap labour and those who are bypassing statutory working conditions. This has created tension and instability.

Critically, we are aware of owners of trucking companies who are giving cash to foreign truck drivers to bribe traffic police.

The same truck drivers are using certain routes at night to avoid detection.

By and large, the female-led operation in Pietermaritzburg has been largely successful, and it involved the Department of Home Affairs Immigration Unit, the Department of Employment and Labour, SAPS and municipalities such as Umsunduzi, Umshwathi, Umkhambathini and Richmond.

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