

More than 3,483 law enforcement officers and more than 105 national traffic police deployed across the province this Easter Holidays and Passover Long-weekend: Duma confident of precision in the execution of #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: The launch of the Easter Holidays and Passover long weekend road safety campaign commenced with the inspection of public transport vehicles at Umdloti RTI Centre.

By 09h00, we had already inspected 17 buses and minibus taxis.

The no-nonsense teams from Operation Shanela and the Road Traffic Inspectorate impounded four vehicles during the inspection.

A multi-disciplinary roadblock executed in KwaMashu, jointly with SAPS, eThekweni Metro Police and other key stakeholders has set the tone for the weeks ahead.

Importantly, the newly appointed head of the department, Zibusiso Dlamini is leading a team that will intensify the #NenzaniLaEzweni at our 17 provincial weighbridge sites.

The most vehicles weighed at a single weighbridge were 40 441 vehicles at the Midway weighbridge, with an average of 3 370 vehicles weighed per month.

We have already impounded trucks that were overloads and those that we intercepted moving up and down with fake registration documents.

We want to introduce Artificial Intelligence in order to automate the weighing process, improve accuracy, and prevent fraud through features like automated number plate recognition, real-time data analytics, and anomaly detection.

As a Department, we have set ourselves a target of achieving a 10% decrease in road fatalities this Easter holiday and Passover long weekend.

During Easter 2025, we recorded a 38% decrease in the number of fatalities compared to the 43% we recorded in 2024.

We have deployed more than 3,483 law enforcement officers and 105 national police officers, and they will all execute the Nenzani La Ezweni Operation with precision.

They will be operating 24 hours a day – seven days a week - until 3 May 2026.

- We will have 148 multidisciplinary roadblocks;
- More than 80 roadblocks will focus on drunk driving alone;
- We will execute more than 118 speed operations in high-accident zones and other areas frequented by visitors and worshippers;
- There are more than 17 interprovincial roadblocks that will be undertaken by a roving team of law enforcement officers.

In addition, we understand that there are school educational tours during the Easter holidays. In this regard, we will execute more than 91 operations focusing on scholar transport.

Unroadworthy vehicles and taxis will be removed. We will target not only drivers but also the owners of these vehicles.

Critically, for the first time, through 28 pedestrian enforcement operations, we will clamp down against drunk pedestrians who will be walking on busy roads.

We will also penalize pedestrians who fail to use pedestrian bridges on various routes.

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