

Umkhosi Womhlanga Update: 3 motorists (2 males and 1 female) arrested by RTI for drunk driving with one en route to deliver bread and water for guests and maidens at Mashobeni Palace: Duma says RTI must have no mercy against those who want to spoil such a beautiful cultural ceremony hosted by the King.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: A motorist driving Isuzu HMV who was on his way to deliver bread and water for maidens and guests attending the Reed Dance has been arrested for drunk driving. He failed a breathalyzer test after the machine dictated an alcohol reading of 0.29mg/l.

We deployed more than 76 No Nonsense RTI and Operation Shanela officers who are executing traffic management operations, roadblocks and sustaining the inspections of cars and buses.

The highly visible RTI further effected the following arrests: -

- A female motorist with an alcohol reading of 0.30mg/l;
- Another male motorist with an alcohol reading of 2.00 mg/l;

We are encouraged that more than 30 000 maidens arrived safely with no incidents or accidents reported between yesterday and today at 17h00. We give credit to the Operation Shanela team for their professional execution of inspection of buses and taxis hired to transport maidens.

While our attention will now shift towards ensuring the safe departure of maidens and guests, RTI and Operation Shanela teams will be highly visible in the following areas: -

1. R66 and R69
2. R618/R66 Turn off
3. Nkunzana Bridge
4. Mkhuze Bridge
5. Mbube Lodge Entrance
6. Main Entrance.

Ends.

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