

Urgent Interdict against Duma fails: Response to media enquiries following a failure by ALS Paramedics to impose an urgent interim ban on MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We are happy that an attempt by ALS Paramedics to get an interim ban against the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma, has failed dismally at the Pietermaritzburg High Court.

We are happy and feel vindicated by the judgement.

Critically, the refusal by the Honourable Judge PC Bezuidenhout to grant an urgent interdict is a clear support of the strong legal argument advanced by our legal team led by Advocate Kwazi Mshengu.

By and large, the judgement empowers MEC Duma, as an executive authority responsible for road safety, to continue to demonstrate accountability and transparency—all in the interest of ordinary people of KwaZulu-Natal, especially the affected families.

As it was demonstrated by ALS Paramedics in their court papers and argument, reputational and commercial interests formed the basis of this frivolous application for an interdict.

ALS Paramedics, through their Director and Spokesperson, Garrith Jamieson, has on several occasions misled and misinformed members of the public through their reporting.

This was demonstrated by evidence in court by Advocate Kwazi Mshengu.

Adv Mshengu eloquently revealed in court that MEC Duma confronted and corrected Garrith Jamieson and drew his attention to his previous incorrect statements.

Surprisingly, in court papers, Garrith Jamieson admits that he relayed incorrect information about the number of persons who had died in the Isipingo accident on the 29th January 2026.

He further lies in court papers that he corrected the number. In actual fact upon hearing of once again incorrect information supplied by Garrith Jamieson to the MEC, an eThekweni Regional Commander and two Chief Provincial Inspectors from Road Traffic Inspectorate intervened and gave MEC Duma the correct information.

It was after this misrepresentation of figures by ALS that MEC Duma expressed his concerns to Garrith about his continuous misleading statements.

Our court papers reveals that on the 19th January 2026, Garrith Jamieson issued a misleading statement about a scholar transport accident in Sarnia, Pinetown – and in the process igniting a media feeding frenzy.

In his statement he claimed that 9 people/learners were injured and treated whereas it was only 3 learners.

The accident report details how a car that was parked in the school parking had rolled down and hit a tree.

However, through his statement, an impression was created that a massive crash similar to the one that took place in Vanderbijlpark had occurred.

It was further argued in court by Advocate Kwazi Mshengu that on the 4th July 2025, an accident occurred on the N3 West Bound just after Mariannhill Toll Plaza involving a taxi and another private vehicle where 5 people died on the scene and another died in hospital.

Sadly and once again, Garrith Jamieson misinformed the public by stating that the taxi was overloaded with 23 people whereas only 16 people were in the taxi.

The MEC remains committed to working with all stakeholders for the betterment of people of KwaZulu-Natal. He will not shy away from confronting the wrongs and place the people of the province ahead of everything.

Finally, we welcome the opportunity offered by the judge to supplement our paper by the 26th March 2026.

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