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MEC KAUNDA CALLS ON KWAMASHU HOSTEL INMATES TO BURY THEIR HATCHET AND WORK FOR PEACE

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda, Yesterday (Sunday, 26 June 2016), made a passionate call to the warring inmates of KwaMashu hostel, north of Durban, to bury their differences and rather work for peace and stability at this residence.

Kaunda was addressing thousands of people at the pack Rotary Stadium- in a meeting attended by political arch rivals, the IFP, ANC and NFP- to pray for peaceful political co-existence and the holding of free and fair elections at the hostel on August 3, 2016.

He told the hostel inmates that it was the responsibility of all people of KwaZulu-Natal to work for peace and to work for the creation of the atmosphere that is conducive to the holding of free and fair elections.

"We owe it to present and future generations to create a stable, prosperous and investor-friendly KwaZulu-Natal. It begins with all of us peacefully embracing one another, being tolerant to one another and working for peaceful political co-existence."

"I have no doubt that this is the singular objective of this prayer meeting. We say bravo to the organisers of this event. Keep up the good work," said Kaunda.

KwaMashu and Glebelands hostels have in the recent past been ravaged by violence- mainly political but the government has since stabilised both hostels.

However, people continued to die in conflict believed to have been high-jacked by the criminal elements, including taxi-hitmen, bank robbers and vehicle thieves.

Kaunda said it was clear that joint efforts by political leadership, the government and police had resolved the political impasse.

"However, as the government we remain concerned that the KwaMashu hostel now remains the haven for all kinds of criminals. We are aware that nefarious crimes such as bank robberies, plotting for taxi violence and all kinds of crimes are being hatched here."

“Also the place is now being used as the hide-out for criminals. Today, let us together say enough is enough. Let this be a peaceful residence with political tolerance and peaceful political co-existence,” urged Kaunda.

He said the government was doing everything possible to stabilise the hostel, including rebuilding the nearest police station and beefing up police deployment.

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