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"Transportation is a month of beginnings, an opportunity to start anew, to imagine improvements, to set goals and to make plans."

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HEADLINE NEWS

SPIRIT OF PEACE AND STABILITY WHEN MEC DUMA MET WITH ISILO

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MEC Mthokozisi Duma together with the Acting Head of Department, Mr Thapelo Mokoena, Office of the Premier.

MEC Mthokozisi Duma, Member of the Executive Council responsible for Transport and Community Safety, met with the Acting Head of Department, Mr Thapelo Mokoena, Office of the Premier, to discuss the Department of Transport and Community Safety's performance and service delivery priorities for the 2026/27 financial year.

The meeting was a strong reflection of the spirit of peace and stability when MEC Duma met with Isilo.

The MEC underscored the importance of ensuring that the Department's performance plans are aligned with the broader provincial priorities and that they translate into tangible improvements for the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

The meeting also focused on the Department's readiness to implement its mandate effectively, including governance, oversight and the delivery of key transport and community safety services.

The MEC emphasised the importance of strengthening partnerships with the Office of the Premier and other provincial departments to ensure coordinated planning and service delivery across the province.

The meeting also underscored the importance of ensuring that the Department's plans are responsive to the lived realities of the people of KwaZulu-Natal, including safe and reliable transport services and effective community safety interventions.

The MEC and the Acting Head of Department also discussed the importance of maintaining strong governance and oversight mechanisms to support the delivery of these priorities.

The meeting was a strong reflection of the spirit of peace and stability when MEC Duma met with Isilo, with both parties committed to working together in the interest of the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

MEC DUNA DECLARES A WEEK OF MOURNING

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MEC Mthokozisi Duma, Member of the Executive Council responsible for Transport and Community Safety, KwaZulu-Natal.

The MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Mthokozisi Duma, has declared a week of mourning following the tragic loss of life on the roads over the festive season.

The MEC expressed deep concern at the number of lives lost on the province's roads during the festive period, noting that each life represents a family and a community left in mourning.

The MEC said the loss of life on the roads underscores the urgent need for all road users to take responsibility for their safety and that of others, and for enforcement agencies to remain vigilant in their efforts to reduce road crashes and fatalities.

The MEC said the week of mourning is a time for reflection and for renewed commitment to road safety, adding that it should also be used to strengthen partnerships between government, communities and road users in order to prevent further loss of life.

The MEC said the Department of Transport and Community Safety will continue to work with its partners to implement road safety interventions, including enforcement, education and awareness campaigns, and to ensure that vehicles are roadworthy and that drivers are fit to operate on the roads.

The MEC said the week of mourning is also a time to remember those who have been affected by road crashes and to support their families and communities as they grieve.

The MEC said the Department will continue to provide updates on its road safety interventions and on the progress made in reducing road crashes and fatalities.

The MEC said the Department of Transport and Community Safety remains committed to working with its partners to make the roads safer for all road users and to ensure that every life lost on the roads is not in vain.

MEC DUNA CONDUCTS OPERATION SYAHLOLA OH P10

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The MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Mthokozisi Duma, conducting a road check during the launch of the Operation Syahlola Oh P10 road safety campaign.

The MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Mthokozisi Duma, has launched the Operation Syahlola Oh P10 road safety campaign, underscoring the importance of collective responsibility in reducing road crashes and fatalities on the province's roads.

The launch was held at the Ladysmith Weighbridge on the N11 and was attended by the MEC, Provincial Traffic Commissioner, Brigadier Mzwandile Ngcobo, and other senior officials from the Department of Transport and Community Safety, as well as representatives from the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL).

The MEC said the campaign is a reminder that road safety is not the responsibility of any one person or organisation, but a shared responsibility that requires the collective effort of all road users.

Speaking during the launch, the MEC said, "We are here today because we believe that road safety is not the responsibility of any one person or organisation, but a shared responsibility that requires the collective effort of all road users."

The MEC said the campaign is also a reminder that behind every road crash there are families and communities that are left to grieve the loss of their loved ones, and that the Department of Transport and Community Safety is committed to working with its partners to make the roads safer for all road users and to ensure that every life lost on the roads is not in vain.

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CELEBRATING HERITAGE MONTH: INSIGHTS FROM BEMETHA AKERA MOODLEY

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Bemetha Akera Moodley, Chief Director: Transport Operations, Department of Transport and Community Safety, KwaZulu-Natal.

As we celebrate Heritage Month, we pause to honour the rich tapestry of traditions, values and shared histories that shape our communities. This month is not merely about celebrating traditions, but also about reflecting on how our heritage continues to inform our collective journey towards a more inclusive, cohesive and resilient society.

Bemetha Akera Moodley, Chief Director: Transport Operations, Department of Transport and Community Safety, KwaZulu-Natal, shares how her own heritage has shaped her leadership journey and her commitment to service, underscoring the importance of preserving cultural identity while building a shared future for all South Africans.

Q: What does Heritage Month mean to you personally, and why is it important that we pause to reflect on our collective heritage?

A: Heritage Month means a great deal to me because it reminds us that our collective strength lies in our diversity. It is important that we pause to reflect on our heritage because it shapes our identity, our values and our shared future as a nation. When we understand and celebrate our heritage, we are better able to build bridges between communities and to foster a sense of belonging for all South Africans.

Q: How do your own heritage and upbringing influence your leadership style and approach within your role?

A: My own heritage and upbringing have taught me the importance of humility, respect and service to others. These values have shaped my leadership style and approach within my role, as they remind me that I am here to serve the people of KwaZulu-Natal and to ensure that their voices are heard and their needs are met.

Q: What do you hope your contribution will mean for the communities we serve?

A: I hope that my contribution will mean that the communities we serve feel that their voices are heard and their needs are met. I hope that my contribution will also mean that the communities we serve feel that they are being served with respect and dignity