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MCHUNU CONCERN ON THE SPATE OF KILLINGS AT MAWOTI

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has expressed shock and concern at the spate of killings at Mawoti outside iNanda.

Yesterday it is alleged that suspects held occupants at gunpoint as they were robbing the local Gcina's tavern.

Reports reveal that the suspects robbed the tavern R5000 and other occupants their belongings.

On their way out of the tavern they allegedly fired shot randomly killing three people. In a separate incident, police received information of two suspects who were robbing community members.

When police arrived the suspects fled the scene. Police then gave them a chase then exchange fire with one suspect.

The suspect then died on the scene, a short gun was recovered. In another incident, yesterday police received a tipoff of armed suspects hiding in one house at Mawoti.

When police arrived, the suspects opened fire at the police.

Police then fired shot killing seven (7) suspects who were occupants in the house. A short gun and the AK 47 were recovered.

Mchunu commended the good work by the police and reiterated that this province will never be ruled by criminals.

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“I commend the police for the good work. These incidents once again prove that our police are dedicated in protecting our communities at all cost. It is unacceptable that criminals can kill three innocent people. This is a strong warning to all criminals that police are going to face fire with fire when facing deadly circumstances. I also want to commend the community of iNanda for working with the police in giving tipoffs. This confirms our view that it is through a solid partnership between police and communities, we can defeat crime. We also encourage communities to be active in fighting police killings,” said Mchunu.

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