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MEC MCHUNU CALLS FOR CALM FOLLOWING THE LATEST KILLING IN GLEBE HOSTEL.

THE KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has appealed for calm and restraint at the Glebelands hostel in uMlazi following the killing of a male resident last night.

Mr Mduduzi Qwabe (46) was shot and killed while entering the hostel last night. Police have quickly moved in to ensure visibility and to enforce law and order in the hostel and surroundings. Police are investigating the latest killing.

The latest incident seems to have renewed fears in this hostel which has seen scores of people losing their lives in the recent conflict. Reports have also been coming of renewed efforts to destabilize this hostel by elements who are allegedly collecting monies and threatening people with violence.

Police deployment has increased and efforts to find resolutions to the conflict among and within various groupings in the hostel are continuing.

MEC Mchunu has condemned the latest killing and has called for calm following allegations of renewed tensions in the hostel.

“The callous murder of Qwabe is strongly condemned. We have made tremendous progress in stabilizing the Glebe hostel and anything that seeks to take us backward is unacceptable. Most cases are before the courts and investigations are continuing in other outstanding cases. The latest incidents are, therefore, disturbing and have a potential of regressing progress we have made to ensure stability. Police will continue to monitor the situation closely,” said MEC Mchunu.

Mchunu also revealed that efforts are continuing, led by the religious organizations and civil society groups - supported by government- to facilitating dialogue and to find lasting solutions to the challenges.

“Government remains committed to addressing all security concerns at the hostel. We are working with the municipality to install and improve security measures and ensure control and accountability of people who are permanent residents in the hostel and those who are not.

We will not rest until all those who are causing instability in this hostel are dealt with and face the full might of the law. We urge residents to continue working with the police and share with them information,” concludes MEC Mchunu.

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