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MEC KAUNDA WARNES CRIMINALS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW KZN TO BE A LAWLESS PROVINCE

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda, has assured relatives of the woman killed and one injured during an attack in Imbali, Pietermaritzburg last night, that police would work around the clock to bring the culprits to book.

MEC Kaunda was adamant that the government would not allow the province to be “lawless.” He condemned the attack on the elderly women as “callous and heartless.”

A 56-year-old woman, Babhedile Ntshapha, was killed and the other woman, Phetheni Ngubane (60) was seriously injured when they were shot at while returning from an ANC meeting.

When those who had attended the meeting were leaving for their respective homes, the two women were allegedly accosted by unknown suspects who shot and killed one of them.

Paying respect at the home the slain Ntshapha this morning (Thursday, 9 June 2016) in Imbali, MEC Kaunda told the family that he had met with police and made it clear that the province and country had laws that should be enforced to the fullest.

“Therefore those laws must be enforced. We cannot allow a situation where people can just kill anyone and without getting the consequences and the sentences that they deserve. What we have appealed to the police to do is to both fast-track the

investigation and ensure that is quality investigation to ensure successful prosecution”, said Kaunda.

He noted that the city had experience similar brutality when two people were killed at the nearby Edendale in almost the same fashion.

Kaunda said following briefing with the police he had confidence that the police would protect the area, adding that it was a huge policing cluster.

“The area is highly populated and one of the biggest policing clusters in the country. We have firm belief and confidence that police will produce credible evidence and that those responsible will face the full might of the law,” said Kaunda.

He appealed to the community not to speculate about those responsible but instead give information to the police.

“We want to make sure that we are not becoming a lawless society and that culprits are arrested. But we are more interested in the plotters behind the murder. We have a full confidence that the police will soon arrest the suspects who will face the full might of the law,” said Kaunda.

MEC Kaunda also welcomed the task team established by the National Police Minister, Nathi Nhleko, to investigate the rise in the number of political killings. A number of political leaders have been killed in the build-up to the local government elections, mostly in KwaZulu-Natal.

“All security agencies are involved in probing this case and we are confidence of success,” said Kaunda.

Kaunda, flanked by the newly-appointed MEC for Education, Mthandeni Dlungwane and Community Safety and Liaison HOD, Crosby Mavundla, extended the province’s condolences to Ntashapa family, wishing a speedily recovery to the injured Ngubane.

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