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**MEC KAUNDA WELCOMES THE RECOVERY OF MASSIVE ILLEGAL FIREARMS IN KZN.**

THE KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda, has applauded police for recovering 119 illegal firearms and ammunition in operations conducted throughout the province, saying this would go a long way in eliminating these tool of murder and mayhem from our communities.

MEC Kaunda noted that in the past fortnight well over 10 people had been killed in various parts of the province with illegal firearms being key drivers of these murders.

These firearms were recovered when various Clusters within the KwaZulu-Natal Province conducted operations between 3 July 2016 until 30 July 2016.

In all, a total of 119 firearms which include six rifles, five shotguns, six homemade firearms and 102 pistols were recovered . A total of 1077 live rounds of ammunition were also recovered during the operations.

The firearms were taken for ballistics to ascertain if they were used in the commission of any other crime in the country. The police managed to arrest at least 112 suspects for possession of

an unlicensed firearms and ammunition. They appeared at various magistrates' court across the province.

**“We welcome this good work by the police and we are convinced it will go a long way in bringing about safety in our province.**

**“Firearms are the key drivers of murder and armed robbery in the province. In this regard, we urge communities to work with the police to ensure that these weapons of murder and mayhem are removed from our province,”** said Kaunda.

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