

MEC KAUNDA MONITORS ELECTORAL PROCESS IN UTHUKELA

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda, conducted whistle-stops in the previously volatile areas of Wembezi and Ladysmith, visiting voting stations and interacting with the law enforcement agencies.

His first stop was an announced visit to Wembezi police station- a scene of bloody conflict before the 2014 general elections. Upon being briefed by the Acting Station Commander, Captain Zane Dryer, MEC Kaunda, was satisfied that the area was ready for the local government elections.

MEC Kaunda noted the great work done by the government and leaders of political parties to stabilize Wembezi, expressing satisfaction that it was all systems go for the elections in the area.

He also visited voter stations in Section D of Wembezi, where people were casting special votes.

“I am satisfied that the police have a good plan here which covers both the electoral process and the normal provision of other security services in the area.

“It is clear that the recent unfortunate death of two people here, a fortnight ago, has not impacted negatively on the political atmosphere here. We are clearly on the right track here,” said Kaunda, who swiftly moved to Ladysmith, where he launched two major road projects.

The two projects will be constructed at the tune of well over R89 million and will link rural areas of Ladysmith to major economic hubs in the province.

MEC Kaunda also addressed a group of angry residents of Buford, near Peace Town, who were affected by the stand-off between taxi owners and bus company.

The residents had blocked the road, saying they want buses to be allowed to operate in the area.

MEC Kaunda resolved the stand-off and advised the community that it was illegal to conduct a protest during the period of elections.

“Laws of the country are that during the election period no one should conduct public protests. So I urge you to respect law and not interfere in any way with the electoral process.

“The government will not tolerate any act of illegality and those who break the law will be dealt with accordingly,” said Kaunda.

From Ladysmith, MEC Kaunda moved to eThekweni’s ward 57 in Inanda to assess the state of readiness before Election Day.

Today (Wed),, MEC Kaunda will crisscross the province to monitor elections throughout KwaZulu-Natal.

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