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### KWADABHASI COMMUNITY (NONGOMA) COMMITS ITSELF TO WORKING FOR PEACE

The strife-torn community of KwaDabhasi in Nongoma, northern KwaZulu-Natal, have committed themselves to a peace-building process to end killings in the area. This emerged after a marathon meeting convened by the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda, to resolve the killings that have occurred in the area since 2015 which involves four families.

The meeting, which was held at Linduzulu Royal Palace, was attended by the Royal Household, the warring families, police and the religious sector.

Police reports indicate that since June 2015 seven people have been killed in the area with another seven having been shot and wounded. A number of suspects have been arrested in connection with the murders.

MEC Kaunda assured the community that those who are involved in the killings will face the full might of the law.

**“While peace-building engagements are continuing, police will also do their work in arresting those who are implicated in the crimes. What is even more painful about this conflict is that it involves family members who are closely related. These killings are unnecessary and they need to be stopped,”** said Kaunda.

All the four families of Manqele, Nkosi, Mahlinza and Ntombela have pleaded for peace and committed themselves to work towards returning the situation to normal in KwaDabhasi.

Mr Michael Mahlinza, who recently lost his father, said that he wish there would be no other deaths in the area.

**“If my father died so that peace can prevail in the area, we are prepared to accept that as a family,”** said Mahlinza.

MEC Kaunda said that it became clear during the meeting that the killings arise from a long-running family feuds.

**“We urge people to engage in dialogue if they have disagreements instead of resorting to violence. We will continue to have meetings with the families until we are satisfied that there is peace and stability in the area,”** said Kaunda.

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