

MEC MCHUNU SUMMONS POLITICAL LEADERS TO A MEETING FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF A COUNCILOR IN NONGOMA

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, last night (Monday evening) summoned leaders of political parties to a meeting to discuss the need for peaceful political campaigning ahead of the 2016 local government elections.

The meeting of the Multi-Party Political Intervention Committee, made out of all key political parties in the KwaZulu-Natal, took place hours after the brutal assassination of ANC councillor, Thami Nyembe, at KwaNongoma Municipality.

Nyembe, an ANC PR councillor in Ward 10, was shot while transporting his wife to town and he later died at a local hospital.

Last night Mchunu urged political leaders in the province to all work for peace and ensure that their supporters operated within the law.

“We are shocked at what happened in Nongoma. The only thing that comes to our mind is that this killing has something to do with politics,” said Mchunu during his address to a parade to receive new police deployment into KwaZulu-Natal.

The Multi-Party Political Intervention Committee last night discussed ways and means of ensuring peaceful political co-existence in KwaZulu-Natal in the build-up to the local government elections. Later and closer to the elections political parties are expected to sign a pledge committing them to work for free and fair elections.

Mchunu condemned the murder of Nyembe, adding that police have been directed to work flat out to ensure that those responsible for this murder were immediately brought to book.

“This is, indeed, very disturbing as it comes at the time when the province is bracing itself for elections. All law enforcement agencies and communities have been primed to be extra careful and to work for peace during this critical period,” said Mchunu.

Mchunu also extended his deepest condolences go to his family and friends.

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