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MEC KAUNDA WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW SAPS PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda has welcomed the appointment of the new KwaZulu-Natal Police Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Khombinkosi Jula.

The former Western Cape Commissioner has more than 35 years of experience in the police service and is expected to resume his duties from 1 August 2019.

Kaunda has welcomed Jula's appointment and said he was looking forward to working with him in defeating the scourge of crime in the province. **"The appointment of the new provincial commissioner could not have come at a better time as the Department of Community Safety and Liaison had just tabled a budget policy statement which outlines the province's key priorities in the fight against crime,"** said Kaunda.

Reflecting on his experience in the police service, Kaunda said that Jula's impeccable record and experience at a senior management level in the police will stand him in good stead. **"One of the critical aspects of his job will be to improve community policing which requires close collaboration with community crime fighting structures,"** said Kaunda.

The MEC has scheduled a meeting with Jula and the outgoing Acting Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Nhlanha Mkhwanazi.

Kaunda thanked Mkhwanazi for steering the SAPS ship in the right direction during his tenure and wished him well as he returns to head office to lead the Operational Response Services.

He also thanked the Minister of Police, General Bheki Cele and the National Commissioner, General Khehla Sitole for finalising the appointment of a full-time provincial commissioner as this will stabilise the police service in the province.

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