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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**Date: Wednesday, 23 May 2018**

**To: All Media**

**Attention: News Editors / Transport Reporters**

**For Immediate Use**

### **THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, DR BLADE NZIMANDE, CONDEMNS THE SHOOTING AND THE KILLING OF FOUR PEOPLE AT THE BRAKPAN TAXI RANK**

The Minister of Transport, Dr Blade Nzimande, strongly condemns the shooting and killing of four (4) and injury of six (6) people at the Brakpan taxi rank in Ekurhuleni, this morning, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

The incident happened around 09h00 on the corner of High Street and Wenden Street.

Minister Nzimande calls upon law enforcement agencies to act swiftly and indiscriminately arrest all perpetrators of this dreadful act, who are alleged to have been fighting for routes between Brakpan and Tsakane.

Minister Nzimande also urges the affected taxi associations to work together towards finding an amicable solution to their challenges without endangering the lives of commuters and their members.

Minister Nzimande says that it is the responsibility of the taxi industry to redeem itself and isolate all those individuals who are held-bent to tarnish the taxi industry which transport almost 68% of daily commuting South African publics.

“Whilst government is working hard with the taxi industry to transform and reposition the industry as a primal and ideal mode of public transport, we cannot be deterred by criminals who use the industry as their haven. These individuals must be isolated, shamed and detained”.

Minister Nzimande further said that, one of the considered solutions to end violence in the taxi industry is to permanently blacklist these individuals in the value chain of the public transport industry and to terminate their operating licenses, if found to be taxi operators.

“In issuing a permit, we clearly stipulated amongst others, the routes taxis are allowed to use. Therefore, we should not be experiencing route based conflicts. Traffic enforcement officers are directed to ensure that as part of their daily operational routine, they verify the taxi operator’s adherence to their allocated routes,” emphasised Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande furthermore appeals to the Provincial Regulatory Entities and Municipalities to ensure that all taxi operators complies with the provisions of National Land Transport Act (NLTA) and for those who do not comply, relevant sections of the Act must be applied.

Minister Nzimande passes his condolences to the families and friends of the deceased and wishes those in hospital a speedy recovery.

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