



MEDIA STATEMENT

To: All Media

Attn: News Editors / Transport Reporters

03 December 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEC Mamabolo engaged in a series of consultations to bring lasting solution to Olievenhoutbosch unrest

Gauteng MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure Jacob Mamabolo has been consulting a number of stakeholders, including the leadership of Olievenhoutbosch community, law enforcement agencies and the Judicial Commission of Enquiry into Taxi Violence, in a bid to find an urgent and lasting solution to problems facing the community in the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

Mamabolo has expressed his dismay following the murder of five people in Olievenhoutbosch, in what is believed to be an incident linked to minibus taxi-related violence.

He has sent his condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the shootings, while wishing those wounded a speedy recovery.

“We will not tolerate Taxi Operating Licences issued by government to be used for cold-blooded murder activities, deliberately targeting taxi drivers and marshals who are ordinary workers, whilst some taxi owners are enjoying and feeding from blood-money in their safe havens,” Mamabolo said.

One person was shot dead in the early hours of Monday, 02 December 2019, while three others were wounded in a shooting. Later, at around 19h00, four people were gunned down and six others wounded.

“As government we will not allow blatant lawlessness to claim the lives of innocent commuters, who are reliant on this service for their commuting needs. We will defend the taxi industry for which these permits are meant, however, we will isolate and deal decisively with those hellbent on perpetuating violence and capturing the taxi industry,” stressed the MEC.

ENDS!!

Issued by the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport.

For more information, please contact Melitah Madiba on 073 644 9935 or Theo Nkonki on 082 719 6404. E-mail : PressOffice.gpdrt@gauteng.gov.za