



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Update: WATA/NANDUWE rank closures

The shutdown of the six specific taxi ranks and routes in Soweto took effect from this morning, 15 March, and will be in place until further notice.

Currently, 114 police and traffic officials are at the six specified ranks and routes and enforcing the closure as stipulated in the provincial regulations issued by the MEC for Roads and Transport.

In terms of the published Regulations No.80 (Volume 25), no person is allowed to operate minibus taxi services along the specified ranks and routes in Soweto.

A person is guilty of an offence if he/she operates minibus taxi services in contravention of the Regulation.

Where a person is convicted of contravening regulation, a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding R25 000.00 may be imposed.

MEC has noted the signed agreement between the two associations and said that he is willing to consider further constructive representations on the matter.

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