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“INTEGRATED CRIME PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS RESULTS IN ARREST OF OVER 8000 SUSPECTS” SAYS MEC HLOMUKA

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community safety and Liaison, Siphso Hlomuka applauds yet another successful integrated crime intelligence driven operation around the province that resulted in the arrest of 8940 suspects and saw the recovery of 332 illegal firearms during the month of July.

The MEC says the integrated approach to crime detection and combating is indeed showing positive and the desired results. High density crime intelligence operations and routine police patrols have seen large numbers of arrests and the recovery of illegal weapons, drugs, alcohol, and stolen livestock.

During strategically planned operations in July, police arrested a total of 8940 suspects, 332 firearms. More than two thousand were nabbed for contact crimes such as murder, attempted murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances, carjackings business and house robberies.

Police also recovered 17 petrol bombs, 543 knives and 24 machetes. 251 vehicles were recovered after being stolen or hijacked. In an effort to curb stock theft, 26 cattle, 16 goats and four sheep were recovered during these integrated operations.

MEC Hlomuka applauds law enforcement for successful crime intelligence operations especially “Operation Shanela”, “These operations are instrumental in the eradication of all criminal elements in our province,” he said.

The MEC also emphasized that collaborative crime prevention efforts are continuing, and that the provincial government is finalizing its plans of professionalizing and capacitating voluntary community crime prevention structures to augment crime prevention personnel and to ensure that our communities are always and feel safe.

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