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EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMMENDS POLICE FOR SWIFT RESPONSE ON RECENT CASH-IN-TRANSIT HEIST IN TSOLO

The Eastern Cape Provincial Government has praised the South African Police Service for their prompt and decisive response to a recent cash-in-transit heist in Tsolo.

The incident involved an intense shootout between police and robbers, with both sides exchanging a barrage of gunfire, after a cash-in-transit vehicle was ambushed by robbers as it was reportedly transporting a significant amount of money.

According to police reports, the robbers, wielding high-powered firearms, fired on the vehicle in a daring and reckless bid to get their hands on the cash. In a fierce battle that lasted several minutes, one robber was fatally wounded, with four others apprehended. Fortunately, no members of the cash-in-transit crew or bystanders were injured.

Premier Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane has praised the officers' bravery and professionalism, citing that the incident has been seen as a significant victory in combating cash-in-transit robberies in the province.

“We condemn in the strongest terms the brazen and violent cash-in-transit heists. We praise the bravery and professionalism of the police who responded swiftly and decisively to thwart the robbery. This sends out a clear and unequivocal message to all those involved in such criminal activities that we will not tolerate acts of violence and theft in our province”, Mabuyane said.

The Provincial Government is committed to ensuring the safety and security of citizens and will continue to pursue those who engage in criminal behavior.

The Premier is engaging the Minister of Police with a view to call for additional resources to combat incidents of crime in the province.

Premier Mabuyane has further called on active public and community participation for coordinated and collaborative action on community safety as well as for private partnerships to support safety, crime and violence prevention programmes and interventions across the province.

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