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Honourable Mr A Whitfield, MP
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Dear Honourable Whitfield

**REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION FOLLOWING THE SPIKE IN KILLINGS IN NELSON
MANDELA BAY: HONOURABLE WHITFIELD, MP**

Your letter, dated 2 October 2023, refers.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) will provide assistance in line with its mandate.

The Provincial Commissioner: Eastern Cape has deployed additional resources to intervene and address violent crime in the Nelson Mandela Bay District.

The additional resources have made a positive impact on crime recorded in the Nelson Mandela Bay District, based on the 2023/24 first and second quarter crime statistics as compared to the same period of the previous financial year.

In addition, a request for the deployment of national specialised units is currently under consideration. The Honourable Member will be kept informed of progress, in this regard.

Yours sincerely


**MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

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To: Minister of Police

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Request for national intervention following spike in killings in Nelson Mandela Bay

Dear Minister

Earlier today 6 people were shot and killed in the Northern Areas of Nelson Mandela Bay.

Following engagements with residents and oversight visits at two police stations in the Northern Areas last week it became clear to me that we are not winning the war on crime in these communities.

I kindly request that you engage the National Police Commissioner to identify the following specialist support to assist the fight against crime in Nelson Mandela Bay:

- Double the number of members allocated to the Anti Gang Unit
- Assign the best detectives from around the country to support the SAPS in NMB
- Deploy the SAPS National Intervention Unit / Special Task Force in the Northern Areas
- Strengthen crime intelligence
- Increase police visibility

Your urgent attention to this matter is appreciated.

Kind Regards

Andrew Whitfield , MP