



EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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NOTICE OF MOTION IN TERMS OF RULE 131 OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

I hereby move in terms of Rule 131 (1) of the Standing Rules that this House:

NOTING

- That in the past three months, several people have been kidnapped in Nelson Mandela Bay, including but not limited to:
 - A 38-year-old New Brighton shop owner was kidnapped on 11 June.
 - Lindsay Knowlden was abducted from the Fresh Produce Market on 21 June.
 - Ebenese “Ebbie” Williams, kidnapped in Cleary Estate on 3 July.
 - Chris Kaldelis, abducted in Schauderville on 8 July.
 - Theresa Minnie (73) was kidnapped in Kariega on 11 August.
 - A Holland Park man was kidnapped on 13 August.

Further noting

- Nelson Mandela Bay has recorded multiple high-profile abductions in a short period.
- These crimes are not isolated incidents but part of a sustained wave of violent targeting of residents and business owners. They are a direct threat to livelihoods, jobs, and investment in Nelson Mandela Bay, a Metro already crippled by unemployment.
- The MEC for Community Safety, Xolile Nqatha, has claimed that a Hawks standby team and other multidisciplinary interventions are sufficient. The continuing wave of kidnappings proves this claim false and demonstrates that current interventions are failing.

THEREFORE RESOLVES

1. That the MEC for Community Safety must, without delay, engage the Provincial Commissioner and formally request the Minister of Police to establish a permanent 24-hour Joint Operations Centre in Nelson Mandela Bay, led by the Hawks, SAPS, Metro Police, and the NPA.

2. That this Joint Operations Centre must use existing resources across these agencies to avoid duplication and ensure accountability, while coordinating real-time intelligence sharing, conducting targeted operations in hotspots, and fast-tracking prosecutions with clear public reporting on arrests, dockets enrolled, and convictions secured.
3. That the plan must include a confidential reporting line for residents and businesses, protection for witnesses, and direct liaison with sector bodies so that information flows quickly and safely.

I so move



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