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THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, DR BLADE NZIMANDE STATEMENT ON THE N3-MOOI RIVER TOLL PLAZA VIOLANT PROTEST

The Minister of Transport, Dr Blade Nzimande, strongly condemns criminal acts in the form of violence, destruction of state and private property, looting of trucks and the blockading of the national road under the pretext of "service delivery protests".

These acts of sabotage, disdain and criminality, happened along the N3 freeway near the Mooi River toll plaza, in KwaZulu Natal, yesterday 29 April 2018.

"I want to reiterate the government call that any legitimate concern that our people might have, should be raised in a non-violent manner and in line with the laws of our country governing such acts," said Minister Nzimande.

The Minister said that government always listened to the people's legitimate concerns and always responded in a manner that continues to better their lives.

"I remain grateful to the law enforcement agencies, for their swift reaction in restoring peace and stability in the area and for arresting a total of 54 people, who will soon face charges of public violence, said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande further said that any person who blocks national roads conducts a criminal act and will be charged and prosecuted.

The Minister confirms that the cleaning-up and recovery operations have been completed, with both the northbound and southbound lanes are open for traffic.

“Law enforcement officers will continue to monitor the situation and are on high alert, said Minister Nzimande.

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