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THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT DR BLADE NZIMANDE STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE VISIT THE PAARDEN EILAND DEPOT IN CAPE TOWN

Minister of Transport, Dr Bonginkosi Nzimande, will be establishing the National Rail Task team comprising of the three spheres of government, law enforcement agencies and civil society structures.

Minister Nzimande made this announcement during his visit to the Paarden Eiland Depot in Cape Town when he went to view damages to the PRASA infrastructure sustained during various Metrorail trains attacks in Cape Town.

Minister Nzimande was joined by the MEC for Transport and Public Works in the Western Cape, Mr Donald Grant and the City of Cape Town MMC for Transport, Mr Brett Herron.

“The establishment of this task team will ensure that we get to the root cause of the challenges that have been experienced in the Metrorail and Sosholza Meyl services in the Western Cape, particularly issues relating to the burning of trains and the stealing of cables, said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande further said that government will no longer tolerate lawlessness by any individuals who are so determined to disrupt and sabotage rail operations in the Western Cape and South Africa in general.

Following the Minister visit to the depot, Minister Nzimande also held engagements with various stakeholders including political formations.

Minister Nzimande called on all stakeholders to be part of the National Transport Imbizo which will be held in the Western Cape on the 8th of August 2018.

“This Imbizo will look at all opportunities and challenges in public transport, including in the rail, minibus taxi, buses and air transportation, said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande is calling on all commuters and community members with information that might lead to the arrest of these criminals who are hell-bent to destroy Metrorail infrastructure to the nearest police station or call 10111.

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