



MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

EHLANZENI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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DISTRICT OUTREACH AGAINST ATTACK ON FOREIGN NATIONAL

Mbombela main road came to a standstill when Ehlanzeni District Municipality (EDM Executive Mayor Cllr Letta Shongwe, MMC's, Speaker, Councillors and the Thaba Chweu Local Municipal Mayor joined hands with various stakeholders in support to the district municipality march to inform the public about the overall commitment to no attacks to our fellow brothers and sisters. Stakeholders in attendance were Church Fraternity, Safety and Security, SAPS, GCIS, SAPS, Sun Riders Bikers Crew, Representatives from different Foreign Nationals, Nkomazi, Thaba Chweu and Mbombela Local Municipalities.

The march started at Mbombela Taxi Rank and proceeded to Mbombela Rugby Stadium. It was led by Mbombela traffic office, SAPS and the Mpumalanga Sun Riders Crew of motorbikes who also rolled their sleeves to support the awareness campaign.

Ehlanzeni District Municipality (EDM) is one of the three district municipalities in Mpumalanga and is located in the north eastern part of Mpumalanga Province. EDM is bordered by Mozambique and Swaziland. As a result it is highly saturated and disposed to none South African citizens who are either lawfully or unlawfully residing in the district.

In a bid to create awareness and preventing of the no attacks to our foreign nationals the awareness campaign involved the Moral Regeneration Movement, Taxi associations, Nigerians Union, Ethiopians, Mozambiqueans, Swaziland, Pakistanis, Indians, Malawians, Zimbabweans and others who also gave messages of support appreciating the love and care Mpumalanga Province has shown. They voiced out with one voice that says they appreciate and support the district for the good initiative for this awareness of taking care and giving them support not be attacked.

EDM comprises of five local municipalities namely: Thaba Chweu, Mbombela, Umjindi, Nkomazi, and Bushbuckridge. Nationally, Municipalities are at the coalface of service delivery and the closest sphere of government to communities. As such, they are held accountable for all government services. As this year is declared the year of the Freedom Charter EDM is taking the issue of security for the municipality citizens and that of the people who live within the district seriously. Ehlanzeni district belongs to all the people who live in it regardless of their colour, culture and religion.

Speaking at the Mbombela Rugby Stadium the Ehlanzeni Executive Mayor said: "her heart oozy blood because of the barbaric acts we saw as the nation." She request that we keep the province calm and love one another. Again encouraged communities to go out and tell those who did not make it to the march that as the Ehlanzeni district and the province as the whole we condemn and do not want to see or hear of such attacks.



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In white T shirt (Mr Adeboboye Africa – Nigeria), Ehlanzeni District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Letta Shongwe and Cllr. Boroka – Mbombela Municipality during the march.



Community members, foreign nationals and different stakeholders during the peaceful march.



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In orange reflectors, Mbombela Municipality Councillor, EDM Speaker, Cllr. Mavuso and Chairperson for Moral Regeneration Movement, Rev. Nthali.



Ehlanzeni district safety monitors on bicycles and Tourism Safety officials in yellow reflectors.



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Members of Sur Riders Crew leading the march



St Mark high school learner at Mbombela stadium giving a message of support representing Swaziland.