

Media Statement

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"We are deeply concerned about the continued disregard of the law by cross-border buses operating in Limpopo. A bus from Zimbabwe was intercepted at N1 North Pepperboom on 10 January 2026, carrying 90 passengers - 19 more than its certified capacity of 71 seated passengers. The bus was overloaded, had no cross-border permit, and was operating without a valid operating license.

The bus has been discontinued and is currently detained at Polokwane Traffic Control Centre. Alternative transport is being arranged for the passengers to continue their journey.

The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety will not tolerate lawlessness on our roads. We urge all operators to respect our laws and prioritize passenger safety.

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