

Address by MEC Violet Mathye
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The Programme Director.
The Provincial Commissioner – Lt-Gen Thembi Hadebe and Members of the SAPS.
The Head of Department – Mr Steven Matjena and Officials from the Department.
The Chairperson of the CPF.
The leadership of Organised Labour Unions.
Members of the Media.

Receive our solemn salutations on this sombre occasion, where we are informing our nation about their state of safety and security.

This moment provides all of us with an opportunity to pause, and reflect on the safety needs of our people, and how this Government is responding to such.

The truth, Provincial Commissioner, is that we shall not rest until we attain a total state of peace and sanity, where we report Zero murders, Zero GBV incidents, Zero carjacking activities, Zero assault cases, Zero burglaries, Zero kidnappings and a total eradication of many other forms of crime in our communities.

We owe it to our people to ensure that they live in a peaceful and safe society, and we are resolute in our determination to achieve that.

I must applaud you together with your teams, Provincial Commissioner, for the tireless efforts of waging a vicious war against crime.

The fact that we have only recorded one cash-in-transit incident in the period under review, speaks to the type of capacity that we have built, as the Police in the Province.

The 2023 shooting of criminals in Makhado, by members of the SAPS, has certainly demonstrated our muscle within the criminal community.

After that fateful incident, we have recorded less incidents of an organised cash-in-transit nature, because criminals are now aware that the state is the ultimate authority.

We welcome these outcomes, and we are also delighted that we have been able to reduce the rate of contact crimes by a notable percentage.

We are concerned with the Polokwane and Thohoyandou Police Stations being in the Top 30 Police Stations nationally, where they are pitted against some of the crime hotspots stations, in the Republic.

As we are heading towards the peak of the festive season, we must mobilise enough resources to ensure that these stations will be well capacitated during this time.

We have no intention to surrender the safety of our people in the hands of criminals.

As we are observing the 16 days of activism on gender-based violence, femicide and child abuse, we must do everything possible to ensure that this anomaly is uprooted from our communities.

We must be ashamed that we live in a society where 2 rape incidents have taken place at a creche, and the victims are toddlers.

This is a demonstration that even if we deploy high level policing mechanisms, some forms of crime will persist, as long as we have sick people in society.

We have built the requisite capacity in all our Police Stations to ensure that victims of GBVF can report their crimes in secluded and dignified spaces.

The excessive consumption of liquor is another problem that our crime fighting agencies are confronted with.

The number of people who become victims of crime, when they return from liquor outlets in the wee hours of the morning is also concerning.

We continue to record an alarming rate of jay-walkers who are hit by cars on weekends, while walking home from these liquor outlets.

Yesterday we launched the provincial Road Safety programme, where we outlined our plans to ensure road safety during this festive period.

We were joined by the Police who have also demonstrated an unbending commitment in the fight against crime.

We have allocated tools of trade for both the Police and Traffic Officials, because this Government appreciates the enormity of crime and how it affects our people.

We will continue this crusade, and we shall do everything in our powers to ensure that our people are living in safe and secure environments.

I thank you.