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KwaZulu-Natal premier, Thamsanqa Ntuli, chaired the third Council Against Crime (CAC) meeting at the Department of Public Works in Mayville on Tuesday, May 6, reaffirming the provincial government's commitment to creating a crime-free KwaZulu-Natal. In his capacity as chairperson of the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) cluster, Premier Ntuli addressed a hall of high-ranking officials, law enforcement leaders, and civil society representatives. The CAC serves as a platform to strengthen collaboration across government, police, communities, and the private sector to fight crime in a co-ordinated and strategic manner. "This is our third meeting since the launch of the Council Against Crime on November 20,

2024. Today, we move from planning to action. We are here not just to discuss strategies but to implement them, making our communities safer, stronger, and more resilient," said Premier Ntuli in his opening remarks. A key outcome of the meeting was the formal adoption of the council's Terms of Reference (TORs), which will guide its work with a strong emphasis on transparency, accountability, and measurable results. The TORs define the council's mandate to lead strategic interventions, coordinate responses to crime, and drive tangible change in communities. Ntuli acknowledged the dedication of law enforcement and community safety personnel during the 2025 Easter weekend, during which fatalities on KZN roads dropped from 47 in 2024 to



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27 this year. While commending

the progress, he

stressed that more must be done to combat serious crimes such as cash-in-transit heists, cybercrime, gender-based violence, and the growing threat of youth offenders. He also addressed the province's push to curb illegal immigration, which he linked to strain on public services and rising crime. "Our integrated approach to this crime will be intensified," he said, emphasising a need for co-ordinated border control and immigration enforcement. Calling for a unified, proactive approach, Ntuli said, "Without a stable, crime-free and peaceful environment, we will not be able to achieve any of the objectives of growing our economy, creating jobs, reducing inequality and ending poverty."