

Media and Public Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements Siboniso Duma  
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**\*Drone technology helps investigators identify more RDP houses leased to Malawian and Zimbabwean nationals in Mount Moriah near KwaMashu: Duma has given the elite unit within Human Settlements a mandate to execute #NenzaniLaEzweni operation as part of cleaning up the rot and to dismantle the syndicate involved in selling and renting of RDP houses\***

Inkosi Mhlabanzima Maphumulo House: The use of Drone during the execution of the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation has led to the discovery of many RDP houses leased to undocumented foreign nationals in Mount Moriah.

Malawians and Zimbabweans who were running away from investigators attached to an elite unit within the Department of Human Settlements were traced by Drone technology to RDP houses in the area. We have launched a further investigation in order to systematically flush out all rogue elements operating in these RDP houses.

Importantly, we are satisfied with the progress the elite unit is making in cleaning up the rot and in dismantling the syndicate involved in selling and renting RDP houses.

As we stated in the past, it is illegal to sell or rent out an RDP house.

Upon the completion of all the necessary processes by the Head of the Department Max Mbili and his team of investigators, we will make a major announcement regarding what will happen to these houses and their owners.

Critically, we will never turn our back on communities that are coming forward with information indicating that some of these RDP houses are used for drug trafficking, human trafficking, and as hideouts for hitmen.

Finally, as we execute #NenzaniLaEzweni operations, we are encouraged by the co-operation from Phoenix Police Station, KwaMashu Police Station, and other police stations as assigned by Provincial Commissioner Lt. General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi.

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