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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY RECORDS NO ACTS OF VANDALISM & VIOLENCE IN THE AREA.

Today the leadership of Matatiele LM engaged with Uncedo Taxi Association, Bus Association, Matatiele Combined Business and funeral parlours, to collectively agree on a stance regarding the violent protests. This follows sudden closure of certain businesses yesterday due to fears that the vandalism taking place in Gauteng and KZN Provinces could affect Matatiele as the neighbour to Kokstad town. All the stakeholders agreed to stand against the lawlessness currently taking place in the two provinces.

The session was preceded by a loud hailing in and around town to encourage the people of Matatiele to remain calm and collectively prevent looting and acts of criminality. The mayor urges the people of Matatiele to protect the hard earned resources and infrastructure that has been built over the years. “Most of all let us work together to protect the lives and the livelihood of our people. We cannot afford to destroy the gains we have made as the people of Matatiele”, pleaded Cllr. Mbedla. Further engagements with the Matatiele security cluster are underway, and relevant details in this regard will be shared in due course.

The Mayor further gave an assurance that all businesses opened today and services were smoothly running in the municipality area.

Remember COVID is still with us on a full swing and you're therefore reminded to keep safe. Wear a mask, sanitise and ensure you stay away from gatherings.

#ProtectMatatiele

#SaveLives

#SaveTheLocalEconomy

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