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PRESS STATEMENT

Stoning of Busses in Khayelitsha

We have received reports from Khayelitsha residents that they are unable to catch busses to work as the service had been interrupted by stoning. They allege that taxi drivers are involved in this stoning and, as a result, Mr Vincent Diba of our Conflict Resolution Desk has raised the matter with Codeta. Codeta indicated that they were aware of the situation and have taken steps to investigate the matter. They themselves issued a strong condemnation of this behaviour only last week.

It was then agreed that Mr Diba should report the matter to the SAP and ask them to take whatever action was necessary to prevent this criminal activity.

We call on those involved in the stoning to cease disrupting the bus transport services in Khayelitsha immediately. Many residents rely on busses to get to work and are deeply resentful of what they see as an effort to remove right to choose on which form of transport they travel.

We strongly condemn such acts of vandalism and appeal to those involved to respect the rights of the community travel on whatever form of transport they choose.

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