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Ndebele vehemently denied: that he

~flagrantly disobeyed traffic laws
.while en route to the legislature sit-
ting in'the city yesterday. .
| Ndebeleâ\200\231s dental follows & motion
"by DA chief whip Belinda Scott that

'she | witnessed Ndebeleâ\200\231s car, a

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â\200\234gerously fast into the city at an esti-"
â\200\234mated 150 kilometres per hour. Nde:

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"Scott condemned the Transport |
MEC for ;f;â\200\230viota_tinsihiex"own legisla-
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called on Ndebele to acknowl- espacia@ly i the Easter holidays. -

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| his â\200\234reckless behaviour and to

â\200\234his itnisters do likewiseâ\200\235.

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n example to his cabinet col- -
es and the citizens of KZN by -
erving the laws of the landâ\200\235, and '
â\200\234called on the premier to Ã@nsure that

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' motion was â\200\234untrue and maliciousâ\200\235
- and that she was trying to denigrate
i'the, rovincial government by sdying
: itviolates its-own rules. He also:said

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is why she assumed that I was;
ng fastâ\200\235 hesaid. -~ 0 /.

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' â\200\230meeting, the DA and ANC agreed |
. there is a dispute about'the facts on|
. whether the vehicle escorting the
MEC was speeding. R

Both parties accepted- without
reservation that thg'MEC is|commit:

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that the law applies to all. They
-committed themselveg to spare no
effort â\200\230in enpuping fthat the road
safety campaign is accelerated,

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moned to the Spewkerâ\200\231s joffice,
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IF anything highlights the sheer stupidity of the

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existence of two capitals in this province, it is the
story of wanton profligacy on the part of mem-
bers of the KZN executive council. As was revealed ;
earlier, Premier_Lionel Mtshali, while advocating
lundi as capital, doesnâ\200\231t himself to live there but in
rban. His very frequent, hugely expensive travels
by air â\200\224 in Learjet or specially chartered helicopter
â\200\224 between Durban and Ulundi, and even between
Durban and Pietermaritzburg, came to light last
y?ar and his excuses.for such cavalier, squandering
of taxpayersâ\200\231 money seemed as lame then as they do
now.

â\200\230More recently we have learned that Welfare and
Population MEC Prince Gideon Zulu last year spent
RS500 000 of taxpayersâ\200\231 money on 101 nights in lux-
ury Durban hotels. The idea of keeping a flat for
work-related stays in Durban seems never to have
occurred to him.

{In the long run the only intelligent way to stop the
ctiminal haemorrhage of funds which could and
should benefit KZN's neediest is to choose, once and
far all, a single capital and to stipulate that all MECs
and provincial officials live as.close to their place of

work as possible. ; A

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Ulundi police probe Zulu

princesâ\200\231 killing

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Rural communities left behind as govt focuses on urban

crime,says Ulundiâ\200\231s IFP leader

ZOUBAIR AYOOB
Durban Bureau

bery Unit is investigating the

murders of two members of

the Zulu royal family in the Mahla-
bathini area on Friday.

Princes Skhumbuzo Sipho Zulu

THE Ulundi Murder and Rob-

(25) and Bongani Cyril Zulu (27).

were travelling together in a

VW Golf when they went missing. It
is thought the pair were abducted
after visiting .a..water project in
Mahlabathini on Friday.

Nongoma police spokesman
Inspector Sabelo Zwane said
Skhumbuzo Zuluâ\200\231s body was found
on Friday at Emashona in the Non-
goma area the day after police were
notified of the princesâ\200\231 disappear-
ance. The prince had a single bullet

wound to the head.

At that stage Bongani Zuluâ\200\231s fam-
ily told police he had been in the
company of Skhumbuzo Zulu and
was missing. A widespread search
by police and community members
followed and Bongani Zuluâ\200\231s body,
already in an advanced state of
decomposition, was discovered on
Tuesday, 20 kilometres from where
his cousin was found. The car in

which the pair was travelling was

found near the Okhuko mines rid-.

dled with bullet holes.

Bongani Zulu was a member of the Zulu Royal Family from the Ezulwini Royal Kraal and a descendant of Prince Dabulamanzzi, who led the Zulu attack against the British at the Battle of Rorke's Drift. Prince Skhumbuzo Zulu was descended from Prince Sitheku, the

son of King Mpande.

Albert Mncwango, the IFP leader in the area, deplored the murders of

the princes, saying: "This has come

as a shock ... we expect the Royal Family to be respected and not to become the targets of crime."

He said that with a general increase in crime and violence in rural areas "we are being left behind as the government concen-

trates on reducing crime in urban areas", adding that the Nongoma Police Station has 139 police officers to serve an area with a population of 1,8 million people. Mncwango said the motive for the double murder appears to be robbery.

The African National Congress's Mtholephi Mthimkhulu expressed his party's shock and outrage at the killings.

Eye in the sky can direct members o

SUSAN SEGAR
in Cape Town

POLICE in KwaZulu-Natal will

receive a welcome boost in

their crime-fighting efforts
this month in the form of a
R12,5 million Squirrel helicopter, it
was announced yesterday.

The helicopter, one of four such
choppers in the country's force of
20, will be used largely in the mid-
. lands area but will also be used in

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transport to affected areas

R12,5 min chopper to police
KZN crime

other crime-fighting exercises in the
rovince.

Deputy Police Commissioner
André Pruis told the National
Assembly's Safety and Security
committee that the helicopter will
be in action in KZN before the end
of the month.

Apart from being used to patrol
the province in an effort to prevent
crime, it will be used to react to
farm attacks, hijackings, bank rob-
beries and other such crimes.

Pruis said the helicopter is
o make a strong contribu-
tion to reducing
province. It is not so much
the chopper itse
" what it can carry,
sky, which can direct members on
to be dropped in affected areas.
In a four-hour presentation to the
committee, Pruis and other senior
.police officers put forward action straight crime.

plans on police and farm attacks.

Committee members praised
crime in the presentation, saying it provi
n the ground and provide
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what answers to a number of questions

He said between 1998 and 2000,
more than 1200 firearms were
stolen during farm attacks. ,

â\200\234There is irrefutable evidence
that the motives for 99% of the inci-
dents on farms during that time
were common crime, with robbery
as the incentive.â\200\235

_ Prais said the research, based on
interrogation of criminals, has
shown that perpetrators had prior
information on the availability of
money, firearms and other items on

it is they have been wanting for a long
Â» Prais said. â\200\234It is time.
=74 transport helicopter, an â\202\234ye in the Insisting that the incidence of
farm attacks has been decreasing
the ground and transport members annually since 1998, Prais said
research has shown that farm
attacks have â\200\234very littleâ\200\235 to do with
politics, and everything to do with

the farms and that the attacks were
carefully planned, with the crimi-
nals spending days in the area
before conducting their attacks.

_ Prais called on farming communi-
ties to pull together in fighting
crimes: â\200\234In 33% of the cases, there
was unforced entry. Farmers must
realise we live in a country with
high levels of crime. They must be
security conscious. Farmers must
learn to protect their home and
hearth.â\200\235

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Dispute over IFP youth

camp finally resolved.

HE disagreement between the provincial coalition government over the Mandleni/Matleng camp came to an end yesterday with the ANC emerging victorious in its grievances, when both parties issued a joint resolution in support of a grant-in-aid for the camp.

During the budget hearings, serious concerns were raised by the ANC about the operation of the camp.

The camp was formed by IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi during the erstwhile KwaZulu government as a skills training centre for pro-Inkatha youth. Its continued existence and government funding has been perceived as benefiting the Inkatha Youth Brigade at the expense of the pool of unemployed youth in the province.

The ANC therefore believed that ' if Matleng is a training facility it should be transformed from being a camp and operate like any other training institution.

Buthelezi has continued to be a commander-in-chief of the camp, ever since it started operating a few decades ago.

The IFP wanted to maintain the institution as it was, prompting a strong possibility that its coalition partner, the ANC would vote against the premier's budget since the camp falls under his department. :

In a resolution issued by Pr Lionel Mtshali and the Michael Mabuyakhulu and unanimously adopted by the legislature, both parties agreed that a R5 million grant-in-aid for the camp be adopted as is, that the camp should be transformed within three months

of the adoption of the budget for this

year, and that such transformation be facilitated and fast-tracked jointly by the portfolio committees of the premier and Finance, lead by

the director-general in the office of the premier.

Name, representivity,

curriculum appraised
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The portfolio committees are also tasked to look at the name of the institution, its curriculum, and the representativity of the board

The resolution further proposed that two other youth centres be established in the province in the former colleges of education in Umbumbulu near Amanzimtoti and Ezakheni in Ladysmith. The youth empowerment funds will provide funding for these skills centres.

The curriculum of all youth centres, including Emandleni/Matleng, will be evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority.

â\200\224 Political Reporter.

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