

Mbalula: We'll clean up airport

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MINISTER Fikile Mbalula has come out guns blazing over thugs who target innocent people at OR Tambo International Airport.

Mbalula, who visited the airport on Monday, said law enforcement agents were ready to punish criminals at the busy airport.

Whether his threats will have any effect remains to be seen, as another robbery took place at one of the airport's high security facilities just hours before his visit.

The minister said thugs wanting to commit crime at the airport would now have to think twice as special police units will be put in place to keep an eye on crime.

"There are corrupt police officers, SARS officials and airport officials helping thugs. A special unit will be introduced to keep watch over departments.

"All our units are going to hold a joint operation over what needs to be done at the airport. We are going to make it very unpleasant. We are going to clean it up."

Mbalula said police had identified all the security weaknesses at the airport and part of improving security and stopping corruption would be to rotate and inspect cops.

Mbalula said the recent heist could have been avoided had competent officers with integrity been set up at key sections.

His visit comes after a robbery at the airport two weeks ago when a thug was killed.

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Police warn public of phishing scams

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SOUTH Africa has the third highest number of cyber crime victims worldwide and has suffered more attacks than any other country in Africa, a Norton report has revealed.

In the latest cyber scam, the police have alerted the public to new phishing scams wherein malicious email-based attacks are launched with the purpose of getting users to disclose sensitive information about themselves.

The SAPS said phishing is the most common means of obtaining information to attack organisations or unsuspecting users.

"The false emails often look surprisingly legitimate and even the web pages

where you are asked to enter your information," police spokesperson Mavela Masondo said.

"The police warn that the page might look genuine. However, the URL in the address field can alert you whether the page is valid or not. Phishers mainly target people's bank accounts."

The police said some emails might even ask you to enter more information, such as your full name, address, phone number and credit card infor-

mation.

"By just visiting the false website and entering your user name and password, the phisher might be able to gain access to more information by logging into your account."

Mpho Solly Motloutsi said he received a strange call last week instead of an email requesting his banking details.

"I got a call from the 015 code asking for my banking details last week and when I traced back the number it

said that it doesn't exist," Motloutsi said.

Masondo said the police had received regular complaints and cases of phishing and urged the public to get wise on these scams.

"People are

victims of phishing scams because they are not informed about it and victims tend to trust people with their details, which is the cause of the problem," Masondo said.

He advised people not to fall victim to phishing scams by not opening emails from unknown sources.

"Even if the title and sender details appear to be related to your banks, delete them immediately."

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