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MEC Dr Motlhabane appeals for cooperation with law enforcement officers and calmness in Majakaneng

Community Safety and Transport Management MEC Dr Mokgantsang "Mpho" Motlhabane strongly condemns violent actions of protesters in Majakaneng near Brits where trucks were set alight and vehicles damaged.

This follows the protests which is on the third day were some community members of Majakaneng barricaded the N4 road with burning tyres and stones. According to the Traffic Authorities, the protesters were throwing stones at the passing motorists.

One truck was reported burnt at the Majakaneng bridge and four other trucks were burnt along the R104 road, on Wednesday night.

Yesterday, four vehicles were damaged at the same area, following reports that protesters were throwing stones at the passing vehicles.

Dr Motlhabane appeals to motorists to be more vigilant and cooperate when diverted to alternative routes by traffic authorities. "In a situation like this, it is important to advise motorists using the road to cooperate with our traffic and all law enforcement agencies that we have deployed in the area. They are there to protect your life and your property against these violent protesters, therefore, we request you to be patient and cooperative as they direct you to divert to safer alternative routes. It is for your safety," said Dr Motlhabane.

The departmental MEC has further requested protesters to engage in a peaceful demonstrations and avoid any unlawful conduct.

"We humbly request protesters not to victimize innocent people and damage public and private property. We are living in a democratic environment and we need to conduct ourselves in a civilized manner. We should engage in peaceful marches and stop damaging properties," he said.

MEC said law enforcement officers will be on the look-out to ensure that the situation is under control and he warned those who would be found on the wrong side of the law that they would be arrested and face criminal charges.

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