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PREMIER NTULI LEADS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS TO ACCELERATE HIV RESPONSE



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli presided over the sitting of the Provincial Council on AIDS (PCA) held at the Archie Gumede Conference Centre on 12 November 2025, reaffirming the provincial government's commitment to achieving an HIV-free KwaZulu-Natal.

The PCA brought together key leaders from government, civil society and the HIV sector to strengthen coordination, evaluate progress, and intensify interventions aimed at reducing new infections and supporting those living with HIV.

Intensifying the "Close the Gap" Campaign

In his address, Premier Ntuli highlighted the urgent need to accelerate the Close the Gap Campaign, a national initiative targeting the 1.1 million people across the country who know their HIV status but are not currently on treatment.

KwaZulu-Natal remains the epicentre of the HIV epidemic in South Africa, and the Premier emphasised that the province

must lead with decisive, results-driven interventions.

The KZN Department of Health has identified more than 200 000 individuals who have defaulted on antiretroviral (ARV) treatment. As part of the national campaign, KwaZulu-Natal has committed to tracing and re-initiating at least 117 616 people back onto treatment by the end of the year.

"We must ensure that every person who has defaulted is traced, supported, and returned to care. Treatment saves lives, protects families, and reduces new infections," Premier Ntuli said.

Strengthening Partnerships Across Sectors

The sitting was attended by Members of the Executive Council (MECs), District Mayors and Deputy Mayors, SANAC delegates, AIDS activists, Traditional Health Practitioners, and Senior Government Officials.

This diverse representation underscored the PCA's role as a

multi-sectoral platform, essential for uniting government departments, civil society and community structures behind a common provincial response to HIV, TB, STIs, and related social issues.

Presentations on Key Health and Social Trends

- Delegates presented updates and analysis on:
- HIV and TB incidence and treatment trends,
 - The province's progress toward the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets,
 - The growing impact of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and its intersection with HIV infection rates,
 - Other emerging social challenges that continue to affect communities across KwaZulu-Natal.

These discussions highlighted both the progress made and the persistent gaps that still require urgent attention.

A Call to Strengthen Community-Based Action

Premier Ntuli emphasised the need for community-driven interventions, renewed public education, improved treatment literacy, and enhanced collaboration between traditional and biomedical health systems.

He further reiterated that eliminating HIV as a public health threat requires sustained commitment, consistent treatment adherence, and strong district-level coordination throughout the province.

"KwaZulu-Natal can and will lead South Africa in closing the treatment gap and ending new infections. This is not only a health priority but it is a social and moral imperative," he affirmed.

Towards an HIV-Free KwaZulu-Natal

The PCA reaffirmed KwaZulu-Natal's commitment to an integrated, measurable, and people-centred HIV response, driven by bold leadership, strong partnerships, and evidence-based interventions.

Under Premier Ntuli's leadership, the province remains steadfast in its mission to build a healthier, more resilient, and HIV-free KwaZulu-Natal.



PREMIER NTULI CALLS FOR STRONGER MULTI-SECTOR CRIME PREVENTION PARTNERSHIPS



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli has reaffirmed the critical need for a collaborative, integrated, and multisectoral approach to crime prevention, emphasising that only united action can deliver meaningful reductions in crime across the province.

Premier Ntuli delivered this message during the sitting of the Council Against Crime, held earlier today at the Archie Gumede Conference Centre in Mayville, eThekweni Metro.

Driving a Unified Crime Prevention Agenda

The Premier stressed that KwaZulu-Natal cannot afford fragmented or isolated interventions. Instead, crime prevention must be anchored in coordinated intelligence, digital policing, municipal participation, and cross-sector partnerships.

Council Against Crime members deliberated on various strategies and plans presented by government departments, law-enforcement agencies, and key stakeholders, with the purpose of adopting effective, evidence-based crime deterrent measures.

Key areas of engagement included:

- Intelligence-led and digital policing deployment in crime hotspot areas;
- The development of the Provincial Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy, aimed at aligning local, district and

provincial safety initiatives.

A presentation by the South African Police Service (SAPS) revealed a notable decrease in priority crimes, particularly murder and stock theft, signalling that targeted interventions are beginning to yield results.

Strengthening Enforcement and Accountability

Premier Ntuli highlighted concerns around non-compliance within the private security industry, specifically regarding:

- the possession and carrying of firearms,
- the discharging of weapons, and
- adherence to the rule of law.

He stressed the urgent need for stricter enforcement, improved oversight, and compliance with national regulations across the security sector.

The Premier also called on municipalities to strengthen their contribution to crime prevention, stating that safety interventions must be embedded at local government level, where many crime-related challenges originate and can be mitigated early.

Commending Border Security Efforts

Honourable Ntuli praised the continued efforts of the Border

Management Authority (BMA) in improving the safety and integrity of KwaZulu-Natal's ports of entry and border posts.

He acknowledged the BMA's vital role in combating cross-border crime, illicit trade, and undocumented movements that exacerbate criminal activity within the province.

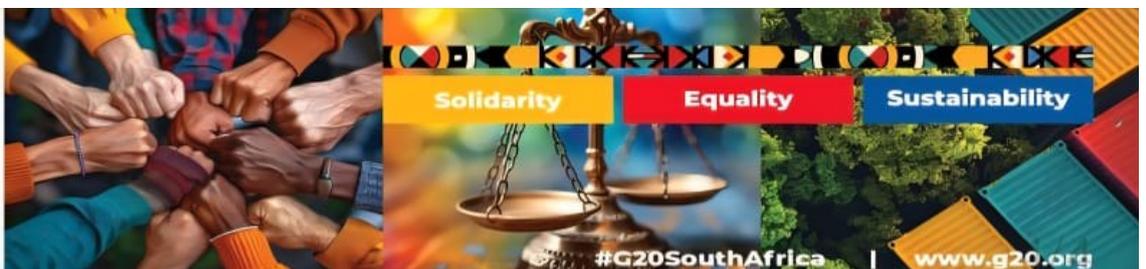
The Premier assured the BMA and all Council Against Crime partners that the provincial government remains fully committed to providing resources, logistical support, and institutional collaboration to strengthen security operations across the border.

A Province Committed to Safer Communities

The deliberations reinforced the shared commitment of all stakeholders to build a safer, more stable, and resilient KwaZulu-Natal.

Through integrated policing, enhanced intelligence, community involvement, and strengthened partnerships, the province is determined to reduce crime trends and create an environment where residents and businesses can thrive securely.

Premier Ntuli concluded by reiterating that crime prevention is a collective responsibility, and only through united action can



Premier Ntuli calls for Ethical and Professional Public Service



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli attended the Convention for the Professionalisation of the Public Service, held at the Coastlands Hotel in Musgrave, Durban, on 30 October 2025.

The event brought together senior government officials, public sector leaders, and professionals from across the province to discuss ways to promote excellence, accountability, and integrity within the public service.

Advancing Professionalism and Accountability

The Convention served as a platform for reflection and reform, focusing on the ongoing efforts to professionalise the public sector in alignment with the national and provincial transformation agenda.

Key discussions centred around:

- Capacity building to strengthen institutional performance
- Ethical leadership and good governance practices
- Innovative approaches to improve service delivery



- Institutional reforms aimed at enhancing accountability and efficiency

Delegates explored strategies to ensure that the public service remains citizen-centred, transparent, and performance-driven, in order to effectively meet the needs of KwaZulu-Natal's communities.

Premier Ntuli's Call to Action

In his address, Premier Ntuli emphasised that the professionalisation of the public service is a cornerstone of effective governance and a moral obligation to citizens.

"Public servants must uphold the highest standards of integrity, efficiency, and timeliness. Our people deserve a government that serves with discipline, humility, and commitment," said Premier Ntuli.

He urged public servants to embrace a culture of continuous improvement, ethical conduct, and accountability, noting that good governance is essential for restoring public confidence and achieving developmental goals.

Commitment to a Capable State

The Convention reaffirmed the KwaZulu-Natal



KwaZulu-Natal Premier leads Operation Sukuma Sakhe Service Delivery Drive in



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli, together with Members of the Executive Council (MECs), visited the Inkosi Langaibalele Local Municipality under the uThukela District Municipality as part of Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS), a provincial flagship programme focused on integrated service delivery and community engagement.

Strengthening Food Security

Premier Ntuli began the OSS outreach by visiting community food gardens in the area. These gardens form a crucial part of the province's drive to enhance household food security and promote sustainable livelihoods. The initiative empowers residents to grow nutritious produce, reduce hunger, and strengthen community resilience.

"Food security is not only about feeding people, but also about restoring dignity, empowering families, and ensuring that no one in our communities goes to bed hungry," said Premier Ntuli.

Bolstering Community Safety

In his capacity as the Executive Authority for the Department of Community Safety and Liaison, Premier Ntuli formally welcomed 167 members of voluntary community crime prevention structures representing 24 wards within the Inkosi Langaibalele Local Municipality.

These structures which include Community Policing Forums (CPFs), Crime Prevention Youth Desks, and Community Safety Ambassadors form part of the Provincial Government's commitment to detect, deter, and prevent crime through community participation and intelligence-driven policing.

"Safety begins within the community," the Premier said. "When citizens take ownership of their safety, and when government supports that commitment with resources and coordination, we create safer streets, safer homes, and a safer KwaZulu-Natal."

Engaging the Community

Later in the day, Premier Ntuli and MECs held a community engagement session where residents raised concerns and shared proposals on key service delivery issues, including water access, roads, housing, healthcare, and youth empowerment.

The engagement formed part of government's Operation Sukuma Sakhe model, which promotes integrated governance and direct accountability by ensuring that provincial leaders respond firsthand to community needs.

Honouring the Province's Elders

The day concluded with a special tribute to centenarians from the uThukela District. Premier Ntuli and members of the Executive Council honoured elderly citizens who have reached 100 years or more, presenting them with certificates and gifts in recognition of their contribution to the province's heritage and wisdom.

"Our centenarians are living libraries and the custodians of our culture, history, and values. We celebrate their strength, resilience, and the lessons they continue to teach us," said Premier Ntuli.

Inspiring New Hope

Through this Operation Sukuma Sakhe outreach, the KwaZulu-Natal Government re-



Premier Ntuli reiterates clarion call for communities to join forces with police to eradicate crime



In a relentless effort to rid the province of crime, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli hosted a crime-fighting imbizo at KwaMashu Indoor Sports Centre on 08 November 2025.

During his engagement with Community Safety Structures, Premier Ntuli was accompanied by eThekweni Metro Municipality Deputy Mayor Cllr Zandile Myeni and the police top brass.

During the Imbizo, the Premier engaged with members of the community on issues pertaining to crime.

Premier Ntuli reiterated his clarion call that in order to eradicate crime in the community, it is important that members of the community work together with police and crime fighting structures to end the scourge of crime.

Ahead of attending the crime-fighting imbizo, the Premier visited the KwaMashu Police Station to be briefed on crime statistics for the KwaMashu policing precinct and the prevalent crimes affecting the community.

The Premier praised members of the police station for their positive contribution on decreasing crime in the township.

After visiting the KwaMashu Police Station, Premier Ntuli's next stop was Ekuvukeni Anglican Church, where he engaged with members of the KwaMashu Community Safety Structures, who voiced their concerns and recommendations on challenges facing them when protecting the community.



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KwaZulu-Natal Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli Survives No Confidence Motion Amid Chaos in Legislature



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli on 15 December 2025, successfully weathered a motion of no confidence brought against him by the uMkhonto weSizwe Party (MKP) at the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature, maintaining his position as head of the provincial government despite dramatic disruptions in the chamber.

The motion, tabled by the MKP and debated at a sitting of the Legislature did not secure the necessary support to unseat Premier Ntuli. Heated scenes unfolded as members of the MKP protested proceedings moments after Speaker Nontembeko Boyce ruled that the vote would be conducted openly rather than through a secret ballot. Reportedly, disorderly conduct and chants briefly stalled proceedings before the vote was concluded.

Premier Ntuli condemned the behaviour of the MKP members who disrupted the sitting, saying it was regrettable that those who initiated the motion had sought to undermine the legislative process itself.

The vote against Ntuli followed several weeks of political manoeuvring in the province. The MKP, which emerged from the 2024 provincial election with the largest single party representation in the 80-member legislature, lodged the no-confidence motion citing concerns over governance and provincial performance.

Despite the MKP holding a strong opposition presence, Ntuli's position was bolstered by continued support from key Government of Provincial Unity (GPU) partners, including his own party,

Premier Ntuli visits families of victims following Verulam temple collapse



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KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli visited the families of five victims who perished in the tragic collapse of a four-storey temple building at Redcliffe in Verulam to extend

his heartfelt condolences and support.

The structural failure occurred on 12 December 2025, at the New Ahoibilam Temple of Protection construction site, when a four-storey extension under construction gave way, burying dozens of people under concrete and steel rubble. Rescue teams worked around the clock to recover victims following the collapse, and a fifth body was recovered after sustained search and rescue operations. The collapse left several injured and has prompted ongoing investigations into the causes and compliance with safety regulations.

Premier Ntuli emphasised that the primary focus is on supporting the bereaved families during their time of grief rather than assigning blame as investigations continue into the circumstances of the collapse. He reaffirmed the provincial government's commitment to assisting the families as they prepare for the dignified burial of their loved ones.

"Our focus is on supporting the bereaved families during this difficult time, as we work together to prepare for the burials of our beloved ones," said Premier Ntuli.

The tragic incident has drawn widespread concern and has highlighted the need for stringent adherence to building safety and regulatory standards during construction activities, particularly for structures of considerable height and public significance.



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