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Transport MEC Makoma Makhurupetje commends Limpopo Traffic Police for intercepting a truck full of 87 illegal Malawian nationals

Makoma Makhurupetje, the MEC for Transport and Community Safety wishes to commend Limpopo Traffic officers for intercepting a truck load of 87 illegal immigrants at Polokwane Traffic Control Centre.

The interception of the truck happened during the early hours of this morning on the 12 of September 2018 after our traffic officers became suspicious of a truck that could not adhere to the traffic sign leading to the Polokwane Traffic Control Centre.

The traffic police then pulled off the truck and upon checking, they discovered that there were 87 illegal immigrants from Malawi on board who were allegedly travelling to Durban. The traffic officers on duty immediately impounded the truck and the police were then summoned to arrest the 50 year old driver who tried to bribe the traffic officers. The driver will be appearing before the Polokwane magistrate court for bribery, violation of immigration laws and possible additional criminal charges.

"We are pleased to know that Home affairs department has already confirmed that all 87 immigrants are undocumented, meaning that they will also be facing charges of violating immigration laws" said the MEC.

"What Limpopo Traffic Police did this morning is good news indeed. We applaud their good work and believe that this will send a stern warning to other truck drivers who may be trying to do the same thing. As a department we are most ready to root out crime and any form of corruption. It must be clear that no amount of bribery will stop our officers from carrying out the law. Anyone who tries to get in illegal immigrants into the country through illegal means will be arrested and shall not be spared the full might of the law, added MEC Makhurupetje

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