

Police Ministry hosts crucial MinMec meeting in Limpopo to address crime trends and policing strategies
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Media Statement

The Minister of Police, Mr. Senzo Mchunu, successfully chaired a high-level MINMEC meeting in Bela-Bela, Waterberg District, Limpopo Province on Wednesday, 30 April 2025. This strategic gathering brought together provincial leadership, senior police management, and key security stakeholders to conduct a comprehensive review of national crime statistics and advance coordinated policing strategies.

The proceedings were expertly facilitated by Mr. ST Sibuyi, Director-General of the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service. The distinguished panel included Deputy Ministers of Police Dr. Pholly Boshielo and Mr. Cassel Mathale, the Premiers of Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal, Premier Panyaza Lesufi and Thamsanqa Ntuli alongside National Commissioner of SAPS General Fannie Masemola.

Also in attendance were heads of key entities (PSIRA, DPCI, IPID), Deputy National Commissioners responsible for Policing Lieutenant General Tebello Mosikili, Crime Detection Lieutenant General Shadrack Sibya, Divisional Commissioners, Provincial Commissioners, SALGA Representatives, senior officials, and members of the media. Lieutenant General Thembisa Hadebe, Limpopo Provincial Commissioner, led her command team.

The MINMEC (Ministerial and Provincial Executive Council Forum) is a national intergovernmental forum established to facilitate collaboration and consultation between the Minister responsible for a functional area and provincial MECs (Members of the Executive Council) responsible for community safety. The Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act establishes the legal framework for MINMEC, with coordination provided by the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service on behalf of the Ministry.

The primary objective was to assess ongoing crime-fighting measures nationwide and track implementation progress. The session began with a detailed analysis of Quarter Three Crime Statistics presented by SAPS experts, supplemented by valuable contributions from provincial MECs. Significant attention was devoted to progress reports on crime prevention initiatives, particularly highlighting the implementation status of Corporate Agreements across provinces.

Key Agenda Items:

Implementation progress of the National Policing Policy

Outcomes and action plans from the recent National Policing Summit,

Comprehensive review of the Criminal Procedure Act,

Updates on information technology integration to enhance policing capabilities,

Progress on police infrastructure development nationwide,

Implementation of standardized Gender-Based Violence Desk protocols

Community engagement strategies regarding PSIRA regulations and Enhanced frameworks for firearm control measures.

The concluding segment featured consolidated oversight reports from critical security entities including SAPS, the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID), and PSIRA. These presentations detailed operational achievements and challenges from Quarters 3 and 4 of the 2024/2025 financial year.

Minister Mchunu emphasized the importance of fully implementing the National Policing Policy—now ready for cabinet presentation and approval—to restore safety for all citizens, especially women and children.

In his media address, the Minister stated: "The crime situation in the country causes concern, and we have a duty to protect the citizens. This MINMEC is not just another date on the calendar. It is an urgent call to coordinate, to act decisively and to demonstrate that we are not only listening but responding to the pain and fear our people endure."

He continued: "We cannot afford to be seen as leaders who meet to present slides and share statistics, while criminals continue to terrorize our communities. The third quarter indicates a significant decline in most crimes—although still not ideal."

The Minister also highlighted the recent three-day National Policing Summit, reiterating government's commitment to "an efficient, effective, responsive and professional police service." He noted ongoing Joint Crime Prevention Strategy (JCPS) Cluster meetings focused on reinforcing the government's approach to gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) across the entire value chain, with the National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (NatJoints) tasked to lead these efforts.

In closing, Minister Mchunu provided an update on the tragic deaths of three Constables deployed in Limpopo's Vala Umgodi Operation.

The meeting concluded with robust strategic discussions outlining coordinated approaches to address crime challenges across South Africa's diverse communities, with special emphasis on collaborative provincial initiatives.

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