

Minister of Police commends Hawks for successful rescue of kidnapped Gqeberha man

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The Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu, extends his heartfelt commendations to the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) for their exemplary efforts in the successful rescue of Mr Calvin Naidoo, a prominent businessman from Gqeberha. This commendable operation underscores the unwavering dedication and skill of our law enforcement agencies in ensuring the safety and security of our citizens.

Mr Naidoo was kidnapped on 19 July 2024, an incident that sent shockwaves through the community and underscored the pervasive threat of organised crime. The Hawks, working in close collaboration with various law enforcement units, displayed remarkable expertise and tenacity, ultimately securing Mr Naidoo's safe return to his family.

Minister Mchunu praised the Hawks for their swift and strategic response, highlighting their critical role in dismantling criminal networks and safeguarding the public. "The situation has indeed been nail-biting; we are just as relieved as the Naidoo family over Mr Naidoo's safe return. The successful rescue of Mr Naidoo is a testament to the unwavering commitment and bravery of our law enforcement officers. The Hawks have once again demonstrated their ability to operate with precision and effectiveness in the face of complex criminal activities. The focus of our law enforcement agencies is now swung to the culprits, they must be assured that they will be dug out from any hole and brought to face the law", said the Minister.

The Minister reiterated the government's firm stance against crime, emphasising that there will be no sanctuary for criminals in South Africa, stating the following: "We are directing all police officers to tighten their grip on criminals. Criminals must know that we are resolute in our mission to bring them to justice. No crime is considered small as we have seen how petty crimes are becoming bigger crimes".

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