

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION 485**

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**485. Ms N Makamba-Botya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Which recent steps of intervention have been put in place to curb the ongoing killings of politicians in the Republic, particularly in KwaZulu-Natal?

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**REPLY:**

In 2018 the President established the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC), consisting of the Ministers of State Security, Justice and Correctional Services and Police, to address the threat, due to its unprecedented increase, particularly in the KwaZulu-Natal Province (KZN). The IMC established a dedicated Multidisciplinary Task Team in KZN to properly and timeously investigate the politically related cases to ensure that the perpetrators of these crimes are brought to book.

The team currently accounts for 328 dockets, in line with the approved criteria, inclusive of the 134 cases that were reported in KZN, since 2011 to June 2018, before the commencement of the Task Team. Of the 328 allocated dockets, 111 are under investigation, 62 are court-going, 7 have been withdrawn and 148 are finalised.

Since the establishment of the team a total of 360 suspects have been arrested and charged with 122 suspects still in custody awaiting trial, 42 having been released on bail, and 65 having been convicted. A total of 82 suspects had charges against them provisionally withdrawn, pending additional evidence, 17 died after they were charged and 32 were found not guilty.

The strategy being implemented in KZN is currently rolled-out to other affected Provinces.

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