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QUESTION 69

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69. Mr M S Mabika (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What total number of motor vehicles have been (a) stolen from uMkhanyakude to Mozambique in the period between 1 December 2022 and 25 January 2023 and (b)(i) recovered and (ii) returned to their rightful owners;
- (2) whether, given the increasing incidents, it is his position that the fight against stolen vehicles taken to Mozambique will be won under his leadership and the leadership of the current Government?

REPLY:

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- (1)(a) A total number of 15 motor vehicles were reported as stolen, from uMkhanyakude to Mozambique, from 1 December 2022 to 25 January 2023.
- (1)(b)(i) A total number of four vehicles were recovered up to date.
- (1)(b)(ii) A total number of four vehicles were returned to their lawful owners.
- (2) A meeting with the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Provincial Commissioner: KwaZulu-Natal, was held, on 31 January 2023, in the Umkhanyakude District, where issues regarding hijacked or stolen vehicles crossing the border illegally from South Africa to Mozambique, were discussed.

At the meeting, a decision was taken that additional SAPS members would be deployed at the border between Mozambique and South Africa. It was also decided that more investigators, specialising in the theft of motor vehicles, would be deployed at the border. It should be noted that a satellite police station is being built at the aforementioned border,

which will assist in addressing and monitoring the situation/identified problems.


On 3 February 2023, senior officers from the SAPS National Head Office attended a meeting in Mozambique, with the Mozambican Police Commissioner, to resolve the issue the vehicles illegally crossing the border, including those which were already in Mozambique, with the intention to have them recovered and returned to South Africa.

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MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP

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