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**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

**Statement on the attack of tourists at Tsitsa Falls**

Mhlontlo Municipality received with shock the report that ten tourists were attacked by young men whilst they were visiting the beautiful scenery of Tsitsa Falls on the 04 January 2020. The municipality condemns this act of criminality and barbarism with contempt it deserves.

The municipality prides itself as a tourist destination with Tsitsa Falls as one of the tourist destinations and tourism in general as a key sector of our local economy. The municipality continues to host hundreds of tourist at Tsitsa Falls especially during festive season. Firm action will be taken in collaboration with the South African Police Service in ensuring that perpetrators are brought to book. There will be ongoing awareness campaigns amongst the surrounding communities about the importance of tourism to the local economy and safety of tourists thereof. We would like to humbly appeal to our communities to ensure that they work with law enforcement agencies to ensure that perpetrators are arrested. We would like to further apologise to the affected tourists for such an incident and would like to ensure them of their safety as our first priority.

Issued by the Office of the Municipal Manager

**MHLONTLO MUNICIPALITY  
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