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Safety of tourists in SA top of government agenda

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The Minister of Tourism Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane would like to reassure tourist that it is safe to travel to South Africa and that their safety remains top priority for the South African government.

Despite the few isolated incidents which paint South Africa negatively, our country remains a preferred destination for weddings, honeymooners, lifestyle, music and cultural events as well as filming industry with most of these drawing significant numbers of travelers.

In relation to incidents that have happened recently, we are happy that police have taken action to ensure that perpetrators are arrested within a reasonable time.

The department is currently finalising the safety strategy that will be launched in a few coming weeks as announced in the budget vote in June.

We call on communities to isolate those who try to portray our country in a negative manner and urge them to report any suspicion activity. As tourist come into the country, they contribute to our economy and job creation, hence we must at all times ensure they enjoy a typical proudly South African experience and feel welcomed on our shores.

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