

# IFP calls for more security for Agric's Mfusi

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THE IFP has called on the provincial government to improve security for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's top official, Jerry Mfusi.

The threatened head of department survived what many believed was an attempted hit on his life at the weekend.

His security guard was shot when gunmen tried to force their way onto his property in the early hours of Saturday.

IFP provincial spokesperson on Agriculture Nhlanhla Msimango said he expected MEC Themba Mthembu and Community Safety and Liaison MEC Mxolisi Kaunda to act speedily on the matter.

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"Since KwaZulu-Natal is presently faced with many killings such incidents must be taken seriously.

"If death threats and shootings occur they leave many unanswered questions and disrupt people's lives.

"At this point in time when one is seen as a hindrance while protecting the public purse, those who want to loot it resort to violence and even killing them.

"We expect the MEC of Agriculture to expedite this issue and he must ensure that he takes the necessary steps to prevent the unnecessary loss of life.

"He must act now and not wait for a tragedy to strike. They must abandon the culture of government reacting in a knee-jerk manner after the damage has been done," he said.

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