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MULTIPLE SCHOLAR BUSES AND TAXIS DISCONTINUED AFTER DEFECTS FOUND IN THEIR VEHICLES

CENTURION: The Road Traffic Management Corporation is concerned that a high number of scholar transport vehicles continue to be found in conditions that expose school children to possible crashes and injuries. A staggering **1 324** scholar patrol vehicles were seized by law enforcement authorities during the first quarter of this year across the country.

The Corporation working with the department of transport and provincial departments and municipalities views Scholar transport as one of the fatal crash risks that warrants extra ordinary heightened law enforcement operations during our winter road safety campaign.

Unroadworthy scholar transport vehicles transporting learners without seatbelts & the overloading and illegal mode of transportation of learners raised a major safety risk, Statistics from law enforcement operations conducted in all provinces indicate that of the **6 120** scholar transport vehicles that were stopped and checked, **4 035** vehicles were found to have been operated in violation of existing traffic laws.

Many were also found to be operating without the necessary public transport permits, while others were driven by drivers who did not possess, or failed to produce driving licenses and thirty six (36) drivers failed to produce their professional driving permits.

The worrying factor from these operations was the discovery that most transgressors were found to be between the ages of **18** and **35** years followed by those who are aged between **35** and **45** years.

The vehicles were found to have many defects relating to among others, tyres, brakes, rear stop lamps and **155** vehicles were found to be unlicensed while **805** vehicles were fined for overloading.

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