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**TRANSPORT AUTHORITY URGES COMMUTING PUBLIC TO USE LEGAL VEHICLES
ONLY**

The Transport Authority is urging the commuting public, particularly children to use legal public passenger vehicles only, amidst a recent report that an illegal taxi operator has been charged for attempted murder of a 12 year old. The Authority says public passenger vehicles with red plates and current Transport Authority stickers on the windscreen are safer for use by the commuting public as they have met the safety requirements of the Authority. Commuters should also check to ensure that the driver of the vehicle is wearing a Transport Authority badge prior to boarding the vehicle.

In the meantime, the Transport Authority says its team will be prosecuting all taxis and bus operators who fail to produce valid Transport Authority road licence or receipts as proof of submission of a road licence application. Under section 61 (1) of the Road Traffic Act (1938) anyone who uses or causes or permits a motor vehicle to be used on any road as a public passenger vehicle without the requisite road licence is in contravention of the law.

Commuters are encouraged to report the licence plate number of any public passenger vehicle they observe operating illegally to the Transport Authority toll free at **1-888-991-5687**.

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