



This mid-year quiet Lebombo Border Post between Mpumalanga and Mozambique will be invaded by a huge number of travellers from all walks of life during the festive season.

# Border crossing made easy

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KOMATIPOORT - Security at the Lebombo Border Post between the province and Mozambique will be tightened this festive season, to control the influx of large numbers and possibly criminal gangs.

Provincial Department of Safety and Security spokesperson, Mr Joseph Mabuza, told *Mpumalanga News* that the decision was taken after the MEC, Mr Siphosizwe Masango, visited the post towards the end

of last month. More than 1 000 police reservists would be deployed to assist officials.

More than 160 000 people were expected to cross the border this festive season alone.

Meanwhile, chief operations officer for the Maputo Corridor Logistics Initiative, Ms Barbara Mommen, said most travellers would face stricter rules and regulations, despite the border being open for 24 hours until January 16 next year.

No firearms or animals would be allowed across the border,

Mommen said.

She urged government employees to complete relevant travel documents to prevent fraudsters and chancers from committing crime.

Motorists would be allowed to ask for official identification and an official government receipt from the immigration officer.

"No money or cash is expected to be paid to any officer or traffic cop and offenders are advised to pay fines at the nearest police station," said Mommen.