The news of an assault on the driver of a Palmerston Mini-bus is further evidence of the lawlessness that has gripped the Northern Territory said Shadow Transport Minister Adam Giles.

"The terror being perpetrated against drivers going about the business of getting people safely to their homes is deplorable," he said.

"I wonder how safe the Iraqi mini-bus driver feels on the streets of suburban Darwin and Palmerston.

"This is but the latest in a string of offences against drivers in the public transport industry, and it is indicative of a breakdown in law and order and a manifestation of the disregard perpetrators have for the justice system.

"These thugs seem to be immune to the consequences and it shows we have a Labor government that has failed to deliver on tough sentencing and deterrence.

"Even worse for the community, the episode of violence occurred in front of a father and his four terrified children.

"Good people are being victimised by lawless gangs and uncontrolled youth.

"It's time a serious effort was made towards a boot camp for offenders and real justice for victims."