

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED AT MAJUBA PASS**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. B.H. Cele will attend the memorial service of eight victims that were killed in a horror crash involving a taxi and a truck last week at N11 Majuba Pass outside Newcastle this Thursday (20-07-2006).

**The memorial service will be held at the Cecil Emitt Sports Ground, Vryheid, at 9:00 this Thursday.**

The accident occurred when the truck cut the corner at a sharp curve and collided head-on with a minibus taxi which was traveling in the opposite direction. Eight people including the driver of the truck were killed while eight other people sustained serious injuries and were admitted to the Newcastle provincial hospital.

“The rate of accidents involving heavy motor vehicles in the province is ridiculously high and our law enforcement officers will double their efforts in ensuring the safety of the people in the province. I urge all drivers particularly truck and minibus drivers to keep to the rules of the road in order to avoid such crashes that claim the lives of innocent passengers.” Cele said.

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