

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**TO: All Media**

**ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS / REPORTERS / PR WIRE**

### **EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED IN HORROR CRASH.**

Eight people have been killed in a horror crash involving two taxis, three vehicles and a truck on Warwick and Alice Street in Durban. Another fifty eight were injured, with one in a critical condition. The accident victims have all been rushed to different hospitals around Durban. It is believed that the taxis involved in the accident were transporting passengers from Bonela and Chesterville to Durban. At this stage it's not clear what caused the crash and police are investigating.

KwaZulu- Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Cele, who visited the accident scene, has expressed shock and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. This tragedy comes barely weeks after the New Years' Eve taxi accident in Isipingo, which claimed the lives of 10 people.

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