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Re : Media Statement

## EIGHT PEDESTRIANS KILLED

The KwaZulu- Natal Department of Transport Road Traffic Inspectorate will intensify enforcement on pedestrians.

Since the beginning of the Easter weekend already eight pedestrian have been killed. Most of the accidents took place on National Roads.40% of people that are killed in our roads are pedestrians and mostly are tested positive of alcohol. MEC Cele said "the number of pedestrians who been have been killed so far is cause of concern. We are left with no option but to arrest those who walk on our freeways. Drinking and walking claims lives the same as drinking and driving does."MEC Cele continues.

Out of the eight pedestrians killed three were knocked down in the same spot on the N2 next to Sibaya Casino. Pedestrians are urged to use designated areas for crossing and to wear visible cloth when walking at night.

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