

MEDIA STATEMENT

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SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED IN A HORROR BUS CRASH

Seven people have been killed and more than 60 injured when a bus belonging to KZT lost control and overturned on the R 620 near Southboom in Port Shepstone this morning 18/07/07. KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has expressed shock and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

The number of accidents involving public transport particularly buses in KwaZulu-Natal in the past week has been extremely alarming and disturbing; at least 23 people have been killed in four separate accidents of which three of them involved buses.

“Driver negligence, human error and unroadworthy buses are the most contributing factors in accidents therefore we will be firm on law enforcement in making sure that all our motorists are 100% Compliant. We will intensify our law enforcement operations particularly operation Thathi’skorokoro to target mainly buses so as to ensure that our commuters are not victims of road accidents as a result of human error and unroadworthy vehicles,” said Cele.

Cele is expected to visit the survivors in hospital and furthermore he will attend the memorial service of seven people who were killed on the N2 Oribi Toll Plaza on Monday. **The memorial service will be held tomorrow Thursday 19/07/07 at Othafeni Sports Ground in Umzumbe under Qwabe tribal authority at 9am.**

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