

## **MEDIA ALERT**

DATE : 23 OCTOBER 2007

### **MEC CELE TO ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICE OF FOUR STANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL LEARNERS KILLED IN A HORRIFIC ACCIDENT**

**MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele will on Wednesday (24/10/07) at Lee Primary School, Stanger, at 10am attend a memorial service of four learners and a driver of a Venture killed in a gruesome accident involving a truck and a bakkie that claimed five lives last week.**

The accident took place in the on the R102 near Darnall in Stanger. According to the report received, it is alleged that the driver of the Venture who was transporting learners to school was diabetic and he had a black-out after the suspicion that his sugar level dropped and lost control of his vehicle and hit a truck and a bakkie which were traveling in the opposite lane. Four learners aged between 8 and 13 years and the driver of the Venture were killed, while five learners sustained injuries and were taken to Stanger Hospital. Both drivers of the truck and the bakkie were not injured.

“It is regrettable to lose such young lives as they are the future of our country. Let us all unite in ensuring that road safety becomes part of our lifestyle. I wish to send my deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims,” said Cele.

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