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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**  
**UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA**

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**DATE: 28 MAY 2007**

**SEVEN PEOPLE BURNT TO DEATH IN A HORROR CRASH ON THE R34**

Seven people have been killed when three vehicles collided and burst into flames on the R34 in Gluckstad between Melmoth and Vryheid in the early hours of today (28/05/2007). Four people survived, two are critical and two others sustained serious injuries.

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has expressed shock and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of seven people who were killed in a horror crash. "Our traffic officers and members of the SAPS will reconstruct the accident scene in order to determine the cause of such a gruesome accident. Furthermore our road safety officials will gather relevant information in order to assist families and in hosting a memorial service in honour of the deceased.

Preliminary reports have revealed that three vehicles a Tata Indica, a Toyota Corolla and a Colt bakkie collided on the R34 killing seven people and four seriously injured. Traffic officers will reconstruct the accident scene in order to establish the cause. Meanwhile SAPS are investigating seven counts of culpable homicide.

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