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INANDA TAXI CRASH CLAIMS THE LIVES OF FIVE

KWAZULU-NATAL Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has expressed his immense shock following the gruesome accident that occurred yesterday (31/08/08) night involving a bus and a minibus at Inanda-Mawoti main road claiming five lives.

Preliminary reports reveal that the bus was travelling towards Mawotana when a Toyota mini bus travelling in the opposite direction collided head on with a bus killing five passengers from the minibus including the driver on the scene. It is alleged that the minibus driver who was also the Inanda rank manager was driving on the wrong side (right-hand side) when the two vehicles collided. Two passengers sustained injuries and were rushed to Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, one in a critical condition. SAPS are investigating the matter and have opened a culpable homicide case.

"I wish to express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and friends to those who have lost their lives in this horrific accident. It is unfortunate that people are still losing their lives on our roads everyday because of negligence. However we urge all road users to obey the rules of the road and to ensure that the law is adhered to at all times," Cele said.

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