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TWELVE PEOPLE DIE AND THREE CRITICALLY INJURED ON THE N2 NEAR EMPANGENI

Twelve people died and three critically injured on a gruesome accident that took place on the N2 near Enseleni Game Park at Empangeni today (28/09/08) at approximately 15h30.

It is alleged that an Isuzu bakkie without a canopy, carrying six passengers who died on the scene, collided with a Ford bakkie that had a canopy and was carrying nine passengers of which six died on the scene and three were critically injured. The critically injured were rushed to Engwelezani hospital to receive medical attention. According to the RTI officer who attended the scene of the accident, the Isuzu bakkie had smooth tires which were unroadworthy. Of the twelve that died four were female adults, seven were male adults and one was a male child.

"I wish to send my deepest condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives in such a gruesome way. I also wish to emphasize that road safety is everyone's responsibility; therefore 100% compliance should be our way of life. It is every driver's responsibility to check the roadworthiness of their vehicles before undertaking any trip. We will continue to enforce the law on those who do not want to obey the rules of the road to prevent such accidents from happening," said Cele.

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