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BREAKDOWN KNOCKED DOWN FOUR PEDESTRIANS

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has warned all the pedestrians to keep away from the freeways as they loose their lives as a result.

This came after four pedestrians were knocked down by a breakdown on N2 freeway in Blackburn Road near Gateway in Durban this morning at about 7am. It is alleged that passengers were about to cross the road in a no crossing zone when a breakdown vehicle lost control hitting the pedestrians and killing four people.

Preliminary reports have revealed that the deceased will be identified once the family members have been notified. SAPS are investigating and will be opening culpable homicide case.

"We further urge the pedestrians to stay away from the freeways to help reduce the fatality rate involving the pedestrians. It has been emphasized continuously that pedestrians should not be crossing the highways. I send my deepest condolences to the families of four people killed." Cele said.

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