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INCREASED NUMBER OF BERGVILLE VICTIMS

KWAZULU-NATAL Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Cele have expressed his shock following the increased number of the victims killed in a gruesome accident that took place near Bergville yesterday (17/04/08) afternoon.

The number of victims killed has increased from 9 to 12 leaving three in a serious but stable condition at Ladysmith hospital. According to the report received it is alleged that a minibus taxi coming from Colenso to Ladysmith was hit by a truck.

It is suspected that the driver of the truck was trying to turn right towards Bergville not noticing that there was an on-coming minibus taxi where he was turning and the collision took place leaving nine people killed instantly, seven injuries. SAPS are investigating culpable homicide case.

“I wish to express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and friends of those who have lost their lives in this horrific accident. We are not discouraged by these misfortunes; we will continue to enforce law on our roads. However motorists should also be extra vigilant on the roads and ensure that they adhere law at all times”, said Cele

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