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INCREASED NUMBER OF LADYSMITH 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 in Ladysmith yesterday (**17/04/08**) afternoon.

The number of victims killed has increased from 9 to twelve and the injured have decreased to three. According to the report received it is alleged that a minibus taxi coming from Colenso to Ladysmith was hit by a truck travelling from opposite side from Ladysmith to Colenso. The report also says the accident took place as the driver of the truck was trying turn right to Bergville and without noticing that there was an on-coming minibus taxi a collision between the truck and a minibus taxi took place leaving nine people killed instantly and seven injuries. SAPS are investigating cases of culpable homicide.

"I wish to express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and friends to those who have lost their lives in this horrific accident. We will continue to enforce law on our roads, however the public as well as the motorists should also make some progress in ensuring that the law is adhered to at all times," Cele said.

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