



MEDIA STATEMENT

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CELE TO ATTEND MASS FUNERAL OF EIGHT VICTIMS **SAWOTI ACCIDENT VICTIMS**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will on Sunday (02-03-08) attend the mass funeral of eight people killed in a horrific head on collision between a bus and a minibus taxi on the R612 between Breamer and Sawoti in the South Coast on Tuesday (26/0208).

The funeral is due to take place on Sunday at Jolivet Sports field near Umzinto at 10 am. The accident took place when the driver of the bus was trying to overtake a car and consequently collided head on with an on coming minibus taxi which was traveling in an opposite direction. Upon impact eight people were killed instantly and two sustained serious injuries.

The names of the deceased's are:

Sibusiso Jeza (34)

Tumani Cele (37)

Philisiwe Khambule (29)

Nelisiwe Vezi (37)

Khayeleni Mhlongo (62)

Dumisani Shange (20)

Sarafina Magoso (79)

Nomangele Duma (34)

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

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