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MEC CELE TO ATTEND A MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THIRTEEN PEOPLE KILLED IN A HORRIFIC ACCIDENT ON THE N2 NEAR EMPANGENI

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will on Thursday **(02/10/08)** attend a Memorial Service of thirteen people who died on the N2 due to a gruesome accident that took place on Sunday (28/09/08) on the N2 near Empangeni. The service will be held at Nzalabantu Sports Ground in Richards Bay and will commence at 09h00 am.

The cause of the accident is still being investigated, however a possibility of a head-on collision has not been ruled out. It is alleged that an Isuzu bakkie without a canopy carrying six passengers who died on the scene, collided with a Ford bakkie with a canopy and was carrying nine passengers of which six died on the scene and one died in hospital. The police have opened two cases of murder with no intent.

"I wish to send my deepest condolences to the families and friends of the deceased who lost their valuable lives due to a gruesome accident. It is unfortunate that people are still losing their lives on our roads everyday because of negligence. However we urge all road users to obey the rules of the road and to ensure that the law is adhered to at all times. We also urge all motorists to ensure that their vehicles are road-worthy before undertaking any journeys," said Cele.

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