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TWO PEOPLE KILLED ON KZN ROADS OVER THE WEEKEND

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele is urging road users to be more cautious on the roads as human error was once again the main cause for fatalities over the weekend.

In a head on collision on the R617 near Mpophomeni involving a minibus and a light motor vehicle on Saturday (11 July 2009) two people died, one of which was an 18 month old child. A further five sustained minor injuries and nine were treated for shock. All the patients were treated at Edendale hospital.

The MEC has cited driver attitude and behavior as an area that needs serious attention in the reduction of crashes and fatalities.

"The onus is upon all road users to obey the rules of the road at all times. We as the Department of Transport wish to emphasize that one death is one too many. Road safety should be the responsibility of each one of us, said Cele".

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