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FIVE KILLED ON N2 NEAR NYONI OFF RAMP DURING SPEED ENFORCEMENT

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has expressed his deepest shock and condolences to the families of five African males killed on the N2 Nyoni River Bridge at 07:00 am on Friday (24/04/2009).

Preliminary reports reveal that the incident occurred on the N2 Nyonini River Bridge between Bridge 15 and 16 on the north bound to Empangeni, between two vehicles. Two female traffic officers were conducting speed enforcement, and when one of the RTI officer's, who was in full uniform and wearing a reflective jacket, stopped an Astra which had exceeded the speed limit it was rear-ended by the second vehicle. The Astra was travelling at 150km an hour and was rear-ended by a Land Cruiser driven by a female. The five male passengers in the Astra died at the scene of the accident, while the driver of the Land Cruiser was taken to Ballito Hospital as she suffered minor injuries. A case of culpable homicide has been opened pending the police investigation.

"I wish to express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and friends of those who have lost their lives in this accident; however we urge all motorists to be extra careful and comply to the rules of the road and keep safe following distance on roads and to JUST DO RIGHT at all times. Such accidents can be avoided if the drivers are extra cautious and keeping to the speed limit" said Cele.

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