



PROVINCE OF KWAZULU - NATAL - ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU - NATALI
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EIGHT KILLED IN A HEAD ON COLLISION IN KWA-DUKUZA

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has expressed his deepest shock and condolences to the families of eight victims killed in a gruesome accident that took place along R102 Nonoti area in the early hours of this morning. (13/03/2009)

Preliminary reports reveal that two bakkies were involved in a head-on collision at R102 Darnall Bridge at Nonoti in Kwa-Dukuza. One Isuzu bakkie had six passengers and the second bakkie a Hyundai is alleged to have three passengers. One bakkie was overtaking causing a head-on collision, seven adults and one child totalling eight were killed at the scene of the accident, and one unidentified child is critically injured and is in Kwa-Dukuza hospital receiving medical attention. The Isuzu bakkie was travelling from Kwa-Dukuza to Tugela at Newarch and the Hyundai was travelling from Tugela to Kwa-Dukuza the deceased are all at Kwa Dukuza Mortuary

"I wish to express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and friends of those who have lost their lives in this horrific accident; however we urge all motorists to be extra careful on roads and to JUST DO RIGHT at all times, motorists should obey the rules of the road to avoid human error accidents due to negligence. Such accidents can be avoided if the drivers are extra cautious and keeping to the speed limit exercise patients," said Cele.

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