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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **MEC CELE TO ATTEND A MEMORIAL SERVICE OF ELEVEN PEOPLE AT MONDLO (VRYHEID)**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will on Thursday (02/03/09) attend a Memorial Service of eleven people killed in the horrible accident involving a minibus and four trucks that occurred on Friday (20/03/09) at Greylingstad in Mpumalanga Province. The memorial service will commence at Mondlo Stadium at 9H00.

Preliminary reports reveal that the minibus was travelling from Gauteng to Vryheid. It is alleged that the driver was attempting to overtake four trucks that were in front of him. When he was about to overtake the fourth truck, a BMW travelling on the opposite direction approached causing the minibus to collide side by side with the fourth truck. It alleged that the minibus was dragged by the truck and it ended underneath the truck with people entrapped. Eleven people died on the scene including the driver and four were taken to the nearest hospital in a critical condition.

“The dying of innocent people on public roads is becoming a frequent occurrence and this is highly unacceptable. I urge all road users to be extra careful when driving. However, my deepest condolences go to the families of the deceased. May their souls rest in peace,” said Cele.

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