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SIX PEOPLE KILLED IN MONTEBELO TAXI ACCIDENT

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele is urging all road users especially motorists to be more vigilant on the roads at all times this follows an accident that claimed six lives on the R614 Montebelo turn off.

Preliminary reports have revealed that the driver of a minibus failed to stop at a stop sign and the vehicle overturned and hit a tree. Six people died on the scene including the driver and a child. Eight people were pronounced to be in a critical condition and taken to a nearby hospital.

The MEC is again echoing his plea to drivers to put an end to human error accidents and for an improvement in driver behavior and attitude on our roads.

“Too many of our people have lost their lives on the roads due to accidents that could have been prevented. It is high time that our people became more responsible on the roads. We can curb the number of accidents on our roads if everyone obeys the rules of the road and just do right. I would also like to extend my heartfelt condolences to the families of the bereaved,” said Cele.

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