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MEDIA ALERT

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MEC CELE TO ATTEND A FUNERAL OF FOUR FAMILY MEMBERS AT MSELENI

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will attend the funeral of four members of one family at Mseleni who were killed at a gruesome and stomach-turning accident which occurred on the N2 near Maphosa (between Empangeni and Mtubatuba) on Saturday (24/01/09). The funeral service will be held at the Mbuyazi homestead (along the N2) and will commence at 10h00 tomorrow (31/01/2009).

Preliminary reports have revealed that three cars were involved in a head-on collision when one car traveling from Mtubatuba to Richards Bay overtook another at a curve and collided with the two oncoming cars. Five people were killed instantly and two critically wounded. Four of the deceased were from the Mbuyazi family - two brothers, one cousin and the wife of the elder brother, they were traveling from Empangeni to Mseleni after attending a family funeral.

"My deepest condolences go to the families of the deceased. Human error, reckless and negligent driving are the major contributors of road accidents that could be avoided if people can Just Do Right. We urge all road users to obey the rules of the road and to ensure that the law is adhered to at all times," said Cele.

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