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SIX PEOPLE KILLED IN A MINIBUS ACCIDENT

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety & Liaison, Willies Mchunu is distressed at the spate of accidents that continue to shadow KZN roads. This follows a minibus accident that left six people dead when the driver of the minibus they were travelling in lost control, this morning.

Preliminary reports reveal that the accident occurred when the left rear side-shaft of the minibus broke, causing the driver to lose control and collided with a truck. The minibus was travelling from Mtubatuba to Durban on the N2 near Umlalazi, six people died on the scene while five are in a critical condition and four sustained minor injuries. All the patients were taken to Ngwelezane Hospital.

The MEC has urged all motorists to inspect their vehicles to ascertain whether they are roadworthy before embarking on any road trip.

Mchunu said: "It pains me a great deal when innocent people lose their lives through road accidents; we will work tirelessly to continue with road safety awareness campaigns and educational programmes until we get to the bottom of this crisis".

He extended his heartfelt condolences to the families of the bereaved and wishes those in hospital a speedy recuperation.

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