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MEDIA ALERT

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MEC TO ATTEND A MEMORIAL SERVICE OF FIVE PEOPLE AT HAMMARSDALE

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will attend a memorial service of five people killed in the tragic accident involving KZT bus and a bakkie that occurred on Tuesday, 26/05/2009 at Hammarsdale. The memorial service will commence at 10h00 at Magaba Hall, next to the stadium, unit six on Thursday (04/06/2009).

Preliminary reports have revealed that a KZT bus from Hammarsdale collided head-on with a bakkie which had approximately six passengers, five of whom died on the scene (two children, two men and one female). This horrible accident happened during the early hours of the morning due to reckless driving. It is alleged that the bus was in the wrong lane, as it was going around a sharp bend at the time of the collision.

"It is very sad when people lose their lives due to reckless driving on the road; these are circumstances that could have been easily avoided, by being vigilant on the road. Once again I urge all road users to be cautious on the road at all times. My condolences go to all the families who lost their loved ones," said Cele.

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