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FIVE PEOPLE KILLED ON KZN ROADS OVER THE WEEKEND

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele strongly condemns the loss of lives on the roads due to human error. Five people lost their lives, two were critically injured, eighteen were not seriously injured and another two were treated for shock.

All the above-mentioned accidents occurred in different corners of the province. The first was in the Dundee area and the preliminary report reveals it was a head-on collision. Another was in the Estcourt area on the N3 north bound between the Ultra city and Tugela river where it is suspected that the driver of the minibus fell asleep at the wheel and rear ended a heavy motor vehicle. There were no casualties from the heavy motor vehicle. However, two from the minibus were critically injured, and nine adults and four children were not seriously hurt.

In a separate accident in Mpangeni on the R34 Mfuli, the driver lost control of the vehicle and the passenger seat came off resulting in her death.

"It is always a sad moment when people lose their lives, however, we as the Department of Transport would once again like to remind all road users to be more vigilant and obey the rules of the road and *just do right*. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt condolences to all the families who lost their loved ones. We can curb the number of accidents by avoiding human error accidents and by exercising tolerance on our roads," said Cele.

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