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TEN PEOPLE KILLED ON KWAZULU-NATAL ROADS OVER THE WEEKEND

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu has strongly condemned the high number of fatal accidents on KwaZulu-Natal roads over the weekend.

From Friday to Sunday, ten people lost their lives and it is estimated that more than 68 were critically injured in separate incidents throughout the province.

Five Zimbabwean nationals died on Sunday when the car they were travelling in lost control, overturned and hit a tree on the N3 near Bergville.

In another tragic accident, two people died in an accident involving a truck and a Roadlink bus at Van Reenen on the N3. The driver of the truck was allegedly trying to do a U-turn and the truck jack knifed. The driver of the bus and his assistant died. Fifty-two other passengers were taken to Ladysmith provincial hospital.

Two people including an 8-month old baby died and eleven were injured when the minibus they were traveling in overturned on the P36/1 in Nquthu on Saturday.

A man burnt to death when his car caught fire after it was hit by a truck on the N2 near Tongaat on Friday.

Mchunu urged motorists to obey traffic rules to avoid carnage. He appealed to motorists to exercise patience and vigilance on our roads. The department will continue working hard to reduce accidents.

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“We had a peaceful World Cup with no accidents, why people are not drawing from those lessons to make our roads accident-free. We are doing our best as government to enforce the law and discipline motorists but it is clear that more still needs to be done. Killings and injuries are not acceptable and we urge everyone to stand up and say no more killings on our roads. I also wish to express my heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the bereaved,” said Mchunu.

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