



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **UPDATE**

#### **DEATH TOLL RISES TO 21**

It was reported that 20 people were killed in the Mtubatuba accident, 16 died on scene and 4 later in hospital. The toll has risen to 21 after a critically injured victim was taken to Entabeni Hospital following the head-on collision involving two minibuses in Mtubatuba.

#### **16 PEOPLE DIE IN A GRUESOME ACCIDENT NEAR MTUBATUBA**

16 people died in a gruesome accident on the N2 near Mtubatuba today (23/12/2010). A minibus travelling from Jozini to Empangeni collided head-on with another minibus travelling from Durban to Mozambique. Three passengers were critically injured and six passengers escaped with minor injuries. The injured were taken to Ngwelezane hospital to receive medical attention. Acting MEC for Transport and Community Safety and Liaison KZN, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo and the Transport Head of Department, Mr Chris Hlabisa rushed to the scene of the accident and also visited the injured in hospital.

'I wish to send my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of those who lost their lives in a gruesome accident that took away 16 lives. We urge all motorists to drive with caution and to obey the rules of the road. It is a tragedy that people lose their lives because of accidents that could have been avoided,' said Dhlomo.

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