



MEDIA ALERT

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UPDATE

Two more people have passed on in hospital which brings the total amount of deaths to 18.

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.

The MEC and the HOD will be part of a multi-disciplinary roadblock that will be conducted tomorrow (23/12/2010) on the M4 near the old airport.

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