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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **10 DIED ON KZN ROADS OVER THE WEEKEND**

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu is disturbed by reports of ten people who died in various accidents over the weekend.

On Friday (25 March 2011), on P34 before the Nguthu turn-off a mini bus and two LMV's side Swiped and collided head-on with an oncoming vehicle.

Three people died on the scene and two sustained critical injuries and had to be transported to Dundee Hospital.

On P68 near Highflats on Saturday (26 March 2011), a driver of a Toyota Corolla lost control and overturned. One person died instantly.

While on the N2 at Kelso one mini bus overturned and one person died. In Newcastle three people died when a motorbike and an LMV collided head on. Two people were then taken to Newcastle hospital to be treated for critical injuries.

In Ezingolweni on the N2 a vehicle (Tata) collided with a truck and left two people dead. Preliminary reports reveal that the truck driver lost control due to oil spillage on the road way.

**"This is painful. It is sad because we have just emerged with clear resolutions of curbing road carnages at our road safety summit over the weekend. All stakeholders who are road users committed themselves in fighting the scourge of roads death. As we are experiencing rainy weekend, we want to appeal to all motorists to drive carefully and keep a safe following distance. I also want to send my condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives but commit that this government won't rest until we minimize road accidents,"** said Mchunu.

Mchunu also welcomed an arrest of a driver for speeding by the road traffic inspectorate (RTI). On the N2 at Scottburgh a tow truck driver was arrested at 118km/h and was denied bail. On the N2 Tongaat river bridge a driver of a LMV was arrested at speeding at 170km/h and was granted bail of R2500. In Ellingham on the N2 a driver was caught driving at 187km/h and was granted a bail of R2000.

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