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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRES**

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**4 KILLED, 1 CRITICALLY INJURED IN LADYSMITH**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu sends his heartfelt condolences to the families of the four pedestrians who were killed in a tragic accident that occurred this morning in Ezakheni, near Ladysmith.

Preliminary reports reveal that a truck which was travelling from Ladysmith knocked down 5 pedestrians who were unlawfully protesting on the roadway leaving four people dead, 4 females and one male in a critical condition. The protestors closed the road with stones and at this stage the reason for the protest is still unknown. The truck driver was trying to avoid other stationary vehicles on the roadway. The surviving male was taken to Ladysmith Hospital.

**"I extend my deepest and most sincere condolences to the families of the deceased. I urge all motorists to exercise patience on the roads, be tolerant towards one another and to comply with all the rules of the road. I'd also like to wish the survivor a speedy recovery,"** said Mchunu.

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