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MEC AND HEAD OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO VISIT SURVIVORS OF GRUESOME ACCIDENT AND FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu sends his condolences to the families of five people who died in a gruesome accident in Babanango.

Following the gruesome accident, MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Willies Mchunu and Head of Department Chris Hlabisa will today visit survivors of the accident at Richards Bay Hospital as well the families of the deceased.

It is alleged that the SUV in which they were travelling in, was trying to avoid another vehicle when it collided head on with a Toyota Quantum on R618.

Four people died on the scene and one later died in hospital. All five were in the SUV and it is believed there were from uMembeso of a relative. The other five who were critical were taken to KwaMagwaza Hospital.

"On behalf of the provincial in KZN, I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in this gruesome accident. This saddens me. This has happened a month after we launched our Easter Campaign and held our Road Safety Summit, yet people still die on our roads. We have a committee that was formed to intensify campaigns on road safety while working in partnership with communities. This will be a challenge to them on how best to curb many road accidents we witness every day. Even though we have spoken we will continue to speak until we have zero fatalities. We have declared 2011 a year of Activism against carnages and transgressions and we appeal to everyone to make road safety a priority," said Mchunu.

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