



PROVINCE OF KWAZULU - NATAL - ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU - NATALI

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

**UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA**

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 15 AUGUST 2011

### **DEP OF TRANSPORT TO HOLD A MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THE N2 ACCIDENT VICTIMS**

The Department of Transport in KwaZulu-Natal led by MEC, Mr Willies Mchunu intervened to assist with the burial of 11 people who died in a gruesome accident that occurred on the N2 near Mandeni, last Thursday (11/08/11).

Reports revealed that the mini bus taxi was travelling from Durban to Ulundi when its left rear tyre came out. It is alleged that the driver lost control and collided with a truck on the on coming traffic. Nine people died at the scene while two others died at a later stage including a nine month old baby.

Both vehicles were taken for a forensic test which is conducted by the RTMC.

#### **The names of the deceased are as follows:**

Ndlovu Mlamuli, Zama Thando Mazibuko, Busisiwe Thabethe, Nombulelo Mbuli, N Zulu, Sthe Mkhize, Sizakele Zulu, Simangele Mpanza, Nontokozo Dlamini, Nomfundo Mbatha, Mandla Phakathi (taxi driver).

Mchunu expressed satisfaction that through the Road Accident Fund, families will be assisted in burring their family members.

MEC Mchunu will host a memorial service in commemoration of the bereaved.

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**The details are as follows**

**DATE: 18 August 2011**

**VENUE: Ulundi Multipurpose Centre**

**TIME: 9H00**

**“I would like to send my deepest condolences to all the families and friends of the deceased. May God be with you in this time of sorrow. It saddens me to learn that there is a high number of people we loose on our roads everyday in KZN. We appeal to all motorists to be cautious and to check their vehicles before embarking on long distance trips to avoid such fatalities, said Mchunu**

**ENDS**

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