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SEVEN DIED ON THE WEEKEND IN KZN

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.

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

Four people died on the scene and one later died in hospital. All five were on the SUV and it is believed there were from uMembeso of a relative. 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.

In a separate accident, Mchunu also expressed his condolences to the families of two people who died in Dundee P35/1 at the Dunhauser intersection. It is alleged that an SUV and an LMV were involved in a sideswipe collision.

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