



MEDIA UPDATE

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DEATH TOLL HAS REACHED 10 IN MKHUZE ACCIDENT

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu is shocked after hearing the news that a 10th person has died in hospital after the horrific accident happened on Saturday (3 September 2011) on the N2 in Mkhuze.

Preliminary reports have revealed that, a taxi was traveling on the N2 North bound, drove off its carriage way and went on the on coming carriage way and hit a tree.

It is alleged that the taxi was carrying 18 passengers. Eight people died on the scene, six sustained injuries and were taken to hospital Bethester Hospital and some transferred to Ngwelezane.

Two people later died in hospital which makes the total number of victims ten.

Among the survived was a six month infant who was traveling with its mother, the mother was among those taken to hospital in a critical condition.

MEC Mchunu voiced his concern of the increased numbers of people who lose their lives on the roads.

“This is unacceptable. We can not go on losing people like this. KZN roads have now become a passage to the graveyard and this is a huge concern. I urge all drivers to be responsible on our roads. I want to also send my condolences to the families of the deceased. I wish those in hospital a speedy recovery among which is the mother of the infant who survived. As a Department we will continue to preach the gospel of Road Safety and will also intensify our campaigns with the hope of minimizing fatalities on our roads”, said Mchunu.

Mchunu today (05 September 2011) sent a team led by HOD Mr Chris Hlabisa to meet with bereaved families in Bhambanana Training Centre

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