



MEDIA UPDATE

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MCHUNU DEVASTATED BY VRYHEID ACCIDENT

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has learnt with shock of the accident that claimed five people yesterday (6 September 2011) on P46 near Bhanya Bridge in Vryheid.

It is alleged that a Nissan bakkie and a Condo collided head on. Preliminary reports relieved that one of the drivers failed to negotiate a gentle curve obstruction on the road. Two males and two females died instantly while the other six were taken to Vryheid hospital and later the fifth person died in hospital.

The MEC expressed his sadness about these merciless killings happening on the road.

"These are merciless killings! One life is one too many; KZN is losing too many people in a short space of time. Two weeks ago we attended a memorial service in Ntaba Mhlophe in Estcourt where 10 people died. This week we are going to Mkhuze for another memorial service. This can not be a weekly practice. I call upon all road users to unite and respect the rules of the road by being road safety ambassadors. Road Safety is everybody's responsibility. I wish to also send my condolences to the families of the deceased and those in hospital a speedy recovery. 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.

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