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**SEVEN KILLED ON KZN ROADS OVER THE WEEKEND**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu is saddened by the deaths of seven people on KwaZulu-Natal roads over the weekend.

Mchunu received with shock the report of a horrific accident that claimed the lives of four people on the N3 near the Tugela Plaza. Preliminary investigations revealed that a driver of an SUV, VW lost control and went across the median and collided head-on with a Bantam bakkie.

All four who died were from the Bantam including two children.

The SUV driver was arrested for Drink Driving and is currently in police custody.

In another accident, Mchunu expressed his condolences to the families of two school children who died on their way to a sport function over the weekend. It is believed that the taxi they were travelling in collided head-on with a truck on R612 between Donnybrook and iXobho.

They both died after being admitted to Christ the King Hospital while the other four who were critically injured were transferred to Edendale Hospital in Pietermaritzburg.

In a separate accident, one pedestrian was knocked by a truck in eKuvukeni over the weekend.

**"It is totally unacceptable to lose so many lives in just one weekend. In the N3 accident we want to make sure that we make an example of the driver who was allegedly drunk during the time of an accident. It is for this reason that we want to intensify our naming and shaming campaign so that we expose to the world the culprits in so many accidents that end up claiming people's lives. It is because of this painful experience that on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March we are going to have a provincial summit on road safety to develop measures of reducing carnages on our road. We wish to pass our condolences to all the families and friends of the deceased,"** said Mchunu.

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