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BUS ACCIDENT CLAIMS FOUR LIVES IN KWAMASHU/NTUZUMA

The MEC for Transport, Community safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has sent his words of condolences to the families of the victims of a bus accident that happened this morning around 06:30 at Bhejane Street near M25 Bridge City, KwaMashu.

Preliminary reports reveal that a Metro bus lost control and overturned killing four passengers (one female and three males) on the scene. At least one passenger was critically injured and was airlifted to hospital. There were 31 passengers who sustained minor injuries and were taken to King Edward, Chief Albert Luthuli, and Mahathma Ghandi hospitals to receive medical attention. The bus was impounded to UMdloti Road Traffic Inspectorate station.

"We are very concerned about the spate of accidents in the last few days, which have claimed lives. To this end, I would like to strongly call on all road users to remain vigilant and prevent accidents, because they are mostly avoidable. We continue to double our efforts through law enforcement to ensure the safety of all road users, but do emphasise that we must all play our active roles. On behalf of the provincial government of KwaZulu-Natal, I wish to send our heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in this unfortunate accident and we wish those in hospital a speedy recovery," said Mchunu.

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