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MBAZWANE (R22) ACCIDENT CLAIMS 10 LIVES

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has sent a delegation led by the Head of Department (HOD) of Transport Sibusiso Gumbi, senior officials and law enforcement agencies to visit the Mbazwane area today in far Northern KwaZulu-Natal following an accident that claimed 10 lives last night.

There were 10 people who were killed in a road accident on the R22 between Mbazwane and Mseleni, when a bakkie they were traveling in collided into a truck. The deceased, believed to be related, were reportedly rushing a family member to hospital when the driver overtook another vehicle on a double barrier line and collided head-on with a truck.

Mchunu said the team will assess the accident scene and immediately begin investigations into the circumstances leading to the accident. The team will also determine the assistance that will be required by the families of the deceased.

"The team will investigate the road conditions, the weather during the time of the accident and the state of both drivers who were involved in the accident. To lose so many people in one accident is totally unacceptable. What makes it even more unbearable is the fact that all those who were killed were related, and the accident was avoidable by simply exercising patience and respecting the road traffic rules. This must be a reminder to all road users that road safety is our collective responsibility. We wish to extend our deepest condolences to the affected families," said Mchunu.

Full details will be released later following the visit by the HOD.

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