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MEC KAUNDA CONDEMNS RECKLESS DRIVING WHICH CAUSES AVOIDABLE ACCIDENTS

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has condemned the reckless driving by a taxi driver who killed two people on the R603, in Mid Illovo, outside Durban earlier yesterday (Thursday, 18 August 2016).

Preliminary reports revealed that a taxi driver carrying passengers came towards a stop-and-go on a construction site, and allegedly ignored the flag bearer and all stationary vehicles and proceeded to collide head-on with an oncoming truck. There were two female occupants from the taxi died on the scene, three people were critically injured and five sustained minor injuries. The injured were ferried to a nearby hospital to receive medical care and trauma counselling.

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has bemoaned the perceptibly reckless driving, which has sadly led to the loss of lives and injury to several other passengers.

“I cannot overemphasise more the responsibility we all as road users – but especially drivers – carry to strictly adhere to road traffic rules and observe safety signs in order to save people’s lives. In the circumstances such as the accident of this morning on R603 between Pietermaritzburg and Umbumbulu, we must stress that all road users need to always bear it in mind that road safety is everybody’s business. We need to work together on the road. As such, we are extremely perturbed by this accident, which was easily avoidable by simply observing the signs and exercising a little patience. We further appeal to the consciences of all drivers and road users to strictly respect road rules, at all times. On behalf of the government, we wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the deceased; and may the injured who are in hospital recover with speed,” said Kaunda.

A full investigation will be conducted to gather all the facts related to this accident.

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