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## MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

### MEDIA STATEMENT

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ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

#### **MEC MCHUNU SADDENED BY UMLAZI ACCIDENT WHICH CLAIMED FOUR (4) LIVES INCLUDING LEARNERS**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has expressed his sympathies to the families of a vendor and three school children who passed on this morning following a tragic accident in uMlazi.

Preliminary reports reveal that a minibus taxi, which was travelling along Prince Mcwayizeni opposite Glebe taxi rank, when it tried to avoid another minibus taxi and the driver hit the brakes and lost control. He then went on to hit a nearby female vendor and her grandson, and two other school children who are believed to be siblings. The vendor sadly passed away on the scene as well as three (3) school children who were on their way to school. There were seven (7) other people treated on the scene by paramedics and transported to hospital to receive medical care.

MEC Mchunu has urged all road users to be extra vigilant and respect the rules of the road.

**"The safety of our learners in particular, and citizens generally, is central to our key priorities and we urge parents and motorists to ensure that their children travel safely, regardless of their mode of transport. We also want to reaffirm that safety on the roads is our collective responsibility. We appeal to all road users to be extra cautious during this rainy weather and ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy. On behalf of KwaZulu-Natal Government, I would like to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of all those who sadly passed away and wish a speedy and full recovery to all those in hospital,"** said Mchunu.

**ENDS.**

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