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MEC KAUNDA CAUTIONS MOTORISTS ABOUT SAFETY IN PREDICTED HEAVY RAINFALL AND SNOW

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has urged motorists to exercise caution when driving on the provincial roads as bad weather conditions are expected. The South African Weather Service has predicted snow, rainfall and cold front weather conditions in most parts of the country.

The weather has already changed dramatically over the last 24 hours with our province, certain parts of the Eastern Cape and neighbouring Lesotho, snowing. Snowfall has also been reported in the Underberg and Impendle, however, it has just covered the mountain areas and the roads are still clear for driving. Motorists are urged to be extra vigilant and drive with caution. It is also advisable to drive with headlights on to ensure maximum visibility.

Such bad conditions, particularly in areas highlighted may affect roads leading to R617 Bulwer and Underberg, N3 North bound Nottingham, N3 Van Reenen and the R56 between Kokstad and Matatiele. Motorists in the high lying areas are thus advised to be on high alert as these conditions may worsen. Rainfall is also expected during the course of the day in other parts of the province and such may lead to traffic delays. Motorists are therefore urged to exercise patience and be extra vigilant.

"There have been reports of snow and mist in some parts of the province and certain parts of the Eastern Cape province and Lesotho. I urge all motorists to stay clear of parts where there is snow until the situation is back to normal. Please drive with caution by keeping a safe following distance and being visible by turning head lights on. This weather is likely to persist throughout the day and possibly into the weekend, and all motorists are urged to ensure that vehicles are in a roadworthy state before undertaking any trips," said Kaunda.

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