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MEC KAUNDA TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS FUNERAL AND SHARE IN THE PAIN WITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF VICTIMS OF EZINGOLWENI BAKKIE-TRUCK CRASH

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, will participate in a mass funeral on Saturday (17 June 2017) of the eight road crash victims who died gruesomely in Ezingolweni outside Port Shepstone, last Sunday.

Kaunda will be representing the provincial government to extend sympathies to the families and friends of the crash victims. The eight (8) people lost their lives when a bakkie collided head-on with a truck. All the deceased were in the bakkie. There were three passengers who escaped with minor injuries, and are hospitalised at the Murchisson hospital for medical care. The driver of the truck survived, albeit is understood to be traumatised, but has received counselling.

On Monday, Head of the Department, Mr. Sbusiso Gumbi, met with the families, to express sympathies but also to offer government's assistance especially in preparation for the funeral. Upon meeting, all families agreed to hold a mass funeral to mark a final sendoff of the lost relatives.

Kaunda will then be joined by interfaith leaders, local leadership, traditional leaders and the community of Ezingolweni to bid farewell to the victims.

Details of the mass funeral

Date: 17 June 2017

Time: 10h00

Venue: Thuvukezi Sports Ground, Ezingolweni under the Kwamthimunye Tribal Authority

Members of the media are invited to attend.

Ends.

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