

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC KAUNDA URGES MOTORISTS AND CITIZENS TO REMAIN VIGILANT IN THE BAD WEATHER

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has urged motorists to drive with caution on the road as the province experiences torrential rains.

MEC Kaunda has issued the warning following heavy, and torrential rainfall across KwaZulu-Natal, which has caused havoc and flood damage in areas surrounding Amanzimtoti, south of Durban.

As a result, a several roads in and around Ethekwini were closed off due to heavy rains, and law enforcement officers (traffic, metro and the SAPS) have closed the N2 from Higginson Highway to the old airport due to raging water.

"The police and the provincial disaster management team are monitoring the situation as the South African Weather Services predicts more heavy rains in the province until tomorrow. To this end, we would like to urge motorists to exercise extra caution and patience on the road as we will be experiencing congestion in flooding areas. Our roads are slippery, so we request drivers to reduce speed, maintain a safe following distance and switch on fog lights," said Kaunda.

Kaunda has assured the people of KwaZulu-Natal that law enforcement officers will be working hand-in-hand with emergency services, disaster management teams across the province until the situation returns to normal.

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