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MEC KAUNDA URGES MOTORISTS TO ABIDE BY RULES OF THE ROAD FOLLOWING ESHOWE CAR CRASH

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda has urged road users to abide by the rules of the road during the school holidays.

The call follows the death of five people in a horror car crash in Mbongolwane outside Eshowe yesterday. Preliminary investigation reveals that on Sunday (24 June 2018), a minibus taxi collided head on with a VW Polo in Mbongolwane. Five people died on scene.

Police are investigating allegations that the driver of the minibus taxi does not possess a valid driver's license.

"As the provincial government, we are saddened that five people have perished in one road crash. On behalf of the government of Kwazulu-Natal, I would like to send our heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased during this difficult time. This is one of the crashes that could have been avoided if people adhered to the rules of the road. We have assembled a team that will investigate the cause of the crash and the allegations that the driver of the minibus taxi does not have a driver's license," said Kaunda.

Officials from the Department are currently meeting with the families to ensure that the deceased can be given a dignified burial.

Kaunda called on road users to exercise caution on the road as the province has been experiencing an increase in the volume of traffic entering KwaZulu-Natal since the beginning of school holidays last week Friday. Yesterday, over 1700 cars have been passing through the Mariannhill Tollgate per hour.

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