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MEDIA ADVISORY

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MEC KAUNDA TO ATTEND A MASS FUNERAL OF FOURTEEN VICTIMS AT JOZINI

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Mxolisi Kaunda will accompany the mourners of fourteen victims that died in a horrific accident last Saturday (08 December 2018) on the N2 between Honey farm and Canefields.

Reports reveal that a minibus taxi and a Mercedes Benz collided head-on. The investigation further revealed that both the vehicles ignited on impact which led to 11 people perishing in the minibus and all 3 occupants of the Mercedes, totaling 14 fatalities from the one incident. One of the deceased was pregnant. It is alleged that the taxi was transporting people from a wedding in Esikhawini to Obonjeni and that the Mercedes was travelling towards Richards Bay. Due to the impact explosion and the severity of the burns to the deceased, 9 were identified through forensic investigation and 5 of the deceased necessitated a process of identification via Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). Four (4) survivors, in a critical condition, from the minibus taxi were transported to Ngwelezane hospital for emergency care.

Kaunda is expected to be accompanied by members of the Executive Council, members of the Interfaith, community members and Traditional leaders.

The details of the funeral are as follows:

Date: 22 December 2018

Venue: Mangwazane Sport Field (Obonjeni)

Time: 09h00

All members of the media are welcome to cover the funeral

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