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KAUNDA SENDS CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF ROAD CRASH VICTIMS AND IFP COUNCILLOR

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda has expressed his deepest condolences to the families of five people who died in a car crash on R74 near Kranskop yesterday.

Preliminary reports indicate that the minibus taxi in which they were travelling lost control as a result of brake failure killing five people on the scene including the driver. Three people were critically injured and are fighting for their lives in hospital.

Speaking at the funeral of five people who died last week in another car crash in Mpangeni, Kaunda urged motorists, especially those who operate public transport to ensure that their vehicles are in a roadworthy condition at all times. "It is sad that the province has lost so many lives in a space of 10 days on crashes that could have been avoided. As the department of transport, we will continue to ensure that our law enforcement officers are visible on our road. We have also introduced tough measures on reckless driving, over-speeding, drinking and driving. The introduction of the Evidentiary Breath Alcohol Testing (EBAT) System will also go a long way in dealing with drunken drivers," said Kaunda.

On behalf of the provincial government, Kaunda conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families and committed the department to provide necessary support to ensure that the deceased are given a dignified burial.

Kaunda also expressed his condolences to the family of the IFP councillor, Mfanzo Nzuza, who was murdered on Friday in KwaMaphumulo, in the Ilembe District. Nzuza was gunned down at his home by unknown assailants. The MEC has called on the police to work around the clock to ensure that those who are implicated in Nzuza's murder face the full might of the law. "We also want to call for calm in the area and allow the police to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident," said Kaunda. He also urged members of the community who might have witnessed the incident to share information with the police.

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