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MEC KAUNDA URGES POLICE TO SPEED UP INVESTIGATION INTO THE CHARLESTOWN-VOLKSRUST CRASH

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda has ordered the police to speed up the investigation into a car crash that occurred along N11 between Charlestown and Volksrust yesterday.

Preliminary investigation reveals that a Toyota Quantum that was travelling from Newcastle collided with a Toyota Corolla when it attempted to overtake about four cars. Five people died on the scene and the sixth victim died in Hospital which brings the total number of fatalities to six. The Minibus was carrying 16 passengers including the driver when the crash occurred.

Kaunda has conveyed his deepest condolences on behalf of the provincial government to the families of the deceased and wished those in hospital a speedy recovery. "It is unfortunate that we continue to lose lives on crashes that could have been avoided. We want to urge road users to continue abiding by the rules of the roads so that we can save lives," said Kaunda.

Police are currently investigating a case of six counts of culpable homicide. Kaunda has asked the police to speed up the investigation which will assist to establish the cause of the crash. The Department of Transport is currently establishing contacts with the families of the deceased and those who are in hospital to ensure that they are given necessary support.

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