

### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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# MEC NTULI TO OFFICIATE THE OPENING OF MTHONJANENI BUS DEPOT AND THEN ATTEND A MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THE 6 PEOPLE WHO DIED IN PEACEVALE N3 ACCIDENT

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Bheki Ntuli will on Thursday (10 October 2019) officiate the opening of Mthonjaneni Bus Depot in Melmoth and attend the memorial service of six people who died in a horrific crash in Peacevale.

The Mthonjaneni Bus Depot was constructed at a cost of R1.75 million, by Mthonjaneni Transport services through the Departmental Subsidy. Mthonjaneni Transport Services was established three years ago and is owned by the members of the taxi association. The company has a total of 14 buses of which 10 of them are subsidized and four of them are spares. The construction of Mthonjaneni Bus Depot created thirty 36 permanent job opportunities.

The MEC will be joined by the members of the Mthonjaneni Bus depot, members of the legislature, members form the KWANABUCO and SANTACO and the community of Mthonjaneni.

#### Details of the Event are as follows:

Date : 10 October 2019 Time : 09:00- 13:00

Venue : Melmoth Rugby Grounds, (uMthonjaneni Local Municipality)

Ntuli will then proceed to Inchanga where he will pay his respect to six people who perished in a road accident in Peacevale on the N3 Northbound towards Pietermaritzburg on Sunday Morning.

Reports reveal that the driver of the Nissan bakkie lost control after the left back trye came off the rim and crashed into the Armco barriers. Four people died in the scene, one died hours later. The sixth victim died in the early hours on Monday.

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The Department of Transport together with the Road Accident Fund will also assist the bereaved families with the necessary burial arrangements and psychological assistance. Ntuli will be accompanied by local leadership, interfaith and traditional leaders.

Details of the memorial service are as follows

Date : 10 October 2019

Time: 14:00

Venue: Michael Gwala Hall (Inchanga)

Members of the media are invited to attend.

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