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MEC KAUNDA TO VISIT FAMILIES OF THE N11 CRASH VICTIMS

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 ahead of the Easter Weekend following a fatal crash near Newcastle last night.

Preliminary investigation reveals that on Wednesday (17 April 2019) around 23H00, a minibus taxi, a Golf and two trucks collided, killing five people on scene. Ten people sustained minor injuries and were taken to Madadeni Hospital for further medical attention. All five deceased were from the mini bus. It is alleged that the deceased were traveling from Johannesburg to Newcastle.

A case of culpable homicide has been opened and Kaunda urged the police to work around the clock to establish what could have been the cause of the fatal crash.

“As the provincial government, we are saddened that five people have perished in one road crash. On behalf of the provincial government, we would like to send our heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased during this difficult time of bereavement. This is one of the crashes that could have been avoided if people adhered to the rules of the road,” said Kaunda.

Officials from the Department of Transport will be meeting with the families to ensure that the deceased are given a dignified burial. Kaunda will also visit the families of the deceased and crash survivors in Madadeni Hospital tomorrow at 3pm.

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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 early hours of the morning. **“As we are approaching the Easter weekend, the province is expecting a high volume of vehicles on the N3 since the KwaZulu-Natal is a holiday destination for many local and international tourists. We therefore urge motorists to abide by the rules and be patient with one another.”**

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