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MEC NKONYENI DEEPLY DISTURBED BY A NUMBER OF FATAL CRASHES IN KWAZULU-NATAL THAT CONTINUES TO CLAIM INNOCENT LIVES

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni, is deeply disturbed by the recent spate of accidents in KwaZulu-Natal that continues to claim innocent lives.

On Sunday (12 September 2021) nine people lost their lives in a head-on collision on the N2 between Canefields intersection and the Enseleni Nature Reserve in the evening.

Preliminary reports suggest that an SUV collided with a minibus taxi and eight people died as a result. One person later died on Monday morning at the hospital.

Among the deceased are six males and three females from both vehicles.

Nine people are currently being treated at Ngwelezane hospital and we wish them a speedy recovery.

This accident occurred as we are recovering from another deadly crash on the R612 between Highflats and Ixopo which claimed 13 lives, a week ago.

MEC Nkonyeni has directed investigations into both accidents. She has also appealed to all motorists to be extra cautious and to always practice patience when traveling on the roads.

MEC Nkonyeni has expressed her concerns on the growing spate of accidents that continue to take people's lives on our roads in KZN.

"It is indeed a sad reality that in less than a week the Province has lost more than 20 people. We cannot over emphasise the importance of obeying the rules of the road and being 100 percent compliant. Such gruesome accidents can be avoided. We cannot afford to lose lives due to recklessness and that simply means our law enforcement will be beefed up to hit hard on those who are law breakers. A forensics team will be deployed to investigate the cause of the accidents. We are appealing to all road users to always adhere to traffic rules and to be patient to one another. On behalf of the government I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased," said MEC Nkonyeni.

"As the Department is approaching, October Transport Month, we will be intensifying our road safety campaigns and to encourage motorists to adhere with traffic laws," MEC Nkonyeni concluded.

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