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SIX PEOPLE PERISHED IN A HORRIFIC HEAD-ON COLLISION ON THE P68/1 OUTSIDE HIGHFLATS

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni has learnt with shock and sadness of the tragic accident occurred just after midnight (00:50) on the P68/1 between Ixopo and St Faith on (08 August 2021).

Preliminary reports suggest that a Madza 323 with three occupants was trying to overtake a minibus taxi on a sharp bend when it collided head-on with an oncoming Toyota Corolla, also with three occupants. Sadly, all of the occupants of the two vehicles died on scene, including a mother, father, and their infant.

The minibus taxi was also involved in the incident and its occupants sustained multiple injuries. They were all treated on scene and transported to Christ the King Hospital in Ixopo for further medical attention.

MEC Nkonyeni sends her heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased.

"I am deeply saddened by this gruesome accident, which has claimed six innocent lives and a child. My heartfelt condolences to the families of all the victims. I also wish those who sustained injuries a speedy recovery. I want a thorough investigation as to what happened."

The accident took place following MEC Nkonyeni's participation on Friday (06 August 2021) in a multidisciplinary roadblock at the Mariannhill Toll Plaza to conscientise road users and to appeal to motorists to always obey the road rules.

The MEC says most accidents occurred as a result of a human error. She has called on law enforcement officials to quickly investigate the cause of the accident.

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