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MEC SIPHO HLOMUKA DECRIES TWO MAJOR FATAL CRASHES WHICH CLAIMED 12 PEOPLE OVER THE LONG WEEKEND

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka decries the death of twelve (12) people in two major crashes over the long weekend.

The first accident happened on the N3 at the Bergville intersection involving a minibus taxi and a truck, instantly killing seven people. Other occupants sustained injuries and were taken to a local hospital.

Preliminary reports suggest that a minibus driver lost control and veered towards the direction of a truck.

In a separate accident on the N2 by Galleria Mall, a Toyota Fortuna collided with an Opel Corsa, leaving five people dead.

A team of forensic investigators is currently working on both accidents. The investigation will also look of the driver behaviour, roadworthiness of the vehicles, vehicle licences, drivers' licences.

The torrential weather could not be ruled out in some of these accidents, however, the Department of Transport has appealed to road users to adjust their driving and be extra cautious.

Hlomuka called on road users to behave responsibly as the Christmas weekend is fast approaching.

"As part of the plan for the long weekend, we embarked on many proactive plans to reduce the levels of crashes. It is unacceptable that 12 people lost their lives on the road. Our teams working with other agencies are investigating the possible causes of these fatal accidents. We also wish to extend our deepest condolences to all affected families. As we are approaching the Christmas weekend, we will improve deployment of traffic police in strategic areas and we also appeal to road users to work with us," said Hlomuka.

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