



## KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

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### Media Advisory

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### **N3 CRASH UPDATE – KZN DOT ANNOUNCES OPENING AFTER HOURS OF CLOSURE DUE TO A MULTI VEHICLE FATAL CRASH**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport announces the opening of the N3 between Hilton and Cedara after long hours of closure following a multi vehicle crash this afternoon.

The vehicles have now started to move amid long backlogs of traffic on the N3 northbound (Johannesburg bound). Various government response emergencies have had to work tirelessly to ensure the reopening of the freeway.

The road was opened after the recovery of all the five bodies of the deceased, assisting survivors on scene and transporting critical patients to health care facilities for urgent medical attention.

This multi-disciplinary team has had to work hard in removing the wreckages of five trucks, eight minibus taxis and twenty-two light motor vehicles, which were involved in the pile up.

Through an integrated government's response, various interventions are being made including setting up shelter in uMngeni Town Hall and activating an emergency contact centre. Various social partners are also mobilized and are also assisting the affected motorists and public transport commuters.

The taxi industry is also providing alternative transport to public transport commuters who may wish to continue with their journey to their respective destinations.

Commenting on the road reopening the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Sipho Hlomuka has commended the hard work by various emergency services. "We acknowledge the magnitude of this horrific accident and the trauma felt by all those involved is unbearable. We once again wish to send our deepest condolences to all the affected families and wish a speedy recovery to all those who sustained injuries. Some motorists have been stuck for hours and lost a lot of time in traffic. We, however, wish to salute all the emergency response teams for a job well done under such unfavourable weather conditions. As provincial authorities, we are hugely disappointed with the fatal crashes recorded during this Easter weekend. We appeal to those who will be continuing with their journey and those who are still going to embark to be on high alert and ensure maximum adherence to traffic regulations."



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To those who still wish to locate their family members or get a status update on the road are urged to contact the emergency contact centre number on 033 940 8484.

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For more information please contact Kwanele Ncalane on 0796995755 or Thando Biyela 0664897373.