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## **Media Advisory**

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## KZN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT CALLS ON MOTORISTS TO BE EXTRA VIGILANT IN THE RAINY WEATHER AS TRUCK ACCIDENT FORCES CLOSURE OF THE N3 IN VAN REENEN PASS

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport is calling on motorists to be extra vigilant following a serious accident involving two trucks which forced the complete closure of the N3 in Van Reenen Pass.

The road is still closed, and traffic is being diverted to other alternative routes such as N11 linking KwaZulu – Natal and Mpumalanga and R74 linking KwaZulu—Natal and Free State.

The recovery team is currently on scene and is working hard to try and remove the two trucks and open the road to traffic.

Traffic officials and the police are also on scene. Only one person sustained serious injuries and is being taken to hospital.

The Department is appealing to road users to postpone their travelling using the N3 between KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng or delay their travels up until the recovery is completed.

There is currently a huge traffic backlog.

In a separate accident, four people died when a Toyota Tazz collided with a Toyota Fortuner on R66 in Mayiwane intersection in uLundi.

The vehicles collided head-on, and the cause of the accident is still a subject of an investigation.

Two people sustained serious injuries and are being treated in a nearby hospital.

In another accident on R56, two taxis collided leaving 8 people with serious injuries. The Department is calling on road users to be extra vigilant as the province is experiencing heavy rainfall and is experiencing midst in most parts.

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