

## Lesotho nationals among the 21 people who died in KZN Road Accidents

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Further to the press briefing held this morning, we wish to announce that a team of experienced professionals from the department, which was assigned to visit families, is making progress.

In particular, regarding the road accident on the R66 Mooi River to Greytown that resulted in the deaths of 12 people, we have discovered that about four (4) of the deceased are foreign nationals from Lesotho.

The other two - one is from Kokstad and another one is from eThekwini Municipality.

Working with the South African Police Service, we are engaging with their employer to trace their next of kin and to confirm other details.

In addition, we will be approaching the Lesotho High Commission in Pretoria through the Department of International Relations and Corporation (DIRCO), to discuss the repatriation of the mortal remains of their citizens.

Foreign diplomatic missions (embassies) accredited to South Africa have a legal mandate (in terms of the Vienna Convention) to render consular services to their nationals in situations of distress.

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