

Road-Accident-Free Reed Dance, Historic

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: From the onset, I wish to commend our highly motivated and efficient team from the Department's Road Traffic Inspectorate for ensuring a road-accident-free Reed Dance.

More than 40 000 maidens arrived safely in eNyokeni Royal Palace on Friday and Saturday.

And they departed from eNyokeni on Saturday and Sunday. Our team monitored their movements on all routes until they all arrived safely at their respective destinations.

Importantly, our decision to remove 31 buses that we found to be un-roadworthy was the step in the right direction.

As guided by His Majesty, ISILO Misuzulu kaZwelithini our priority was to save innocent lives and prevent carnage on our roads during the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Reed Dance

We pay tribute to our team of experienced and qualified examiners of motor vehicle for using cutting-edge technology to inspect more than 177 buses and more than 31 taxis.

We strictly adhered to the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) applicable Standards - SANS 10047 on the Testing of vehicles for Roadworthiness.

We thank His Majesty and the entire Zulu Royal Family for the guidance and support as we improve the public transport system in the province.

We salute bus and taxi drivers for adhering to the rules of the road.

The co-operation from the SA Road Freight Association and associations representing truck drivers is a formula we need to sustain.

We thank law enforcement agencies from all municipalities for their hard work.

Lastly, as we countdown to October, the Transport Month until the festive season, we wish to assure the people of KwaZulu-Natal that plans are afoot to prevent carnage on our roads.

We want our transport system to connect visitors to our vast array of tourism offerings, which include everything from the majestic Drakensberg Mountains to our beautiful coastline and sites of historical importance.

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