

A sad weekend for the family of the victims of the head-on collision on the N2 last week Friday evening: Duma undertakes to ensure the display of empathy to the families while the Road Traffic Inspectorate intensifies law enforcement on the other side.

Media Invite and Public Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: It is a sad day for the family of Ezendalo Zyanda Msomi (3) who was laid to rest today in Pinetown.

She died with four other family members when a Suzuki Dzire (DD 19 HC ZN) travelling southbound and a Toyota Rumion (BP 97 FB ZN) travelling northbound collided head-on on the N2 in Umzumbe.

The horrific accident took place on Friday, 14 November 2025 at approximately 19h00 and left all of us devastated.

We pause to express our deepest condolences once again to the family and relatives following this tragic loss. May the following departed souls rest in peace:

1. Mrs Nonhlanhla MaMthembu Nkomo (Female)
2. Mr Nqobile Mthembu (Male)
3. Mr Lulonke Mthembu (Male)
4. Ms Nolwandle Hadebe (Female)
5. Ms Ezendalo Msomi (Female) laid to rest today.

It has been a long agonizing week for the families and relatives.

It is for this reason I assigned a team of highly experienced officials from the Department and my office to be closer to the families.

Officials from Ugu District Municipality and Umzumbe Local municipality worked with the department and the family to plan the mass funeral scheduled as follows:

Date: 22 November 2025

Time: 09h00

Venue: Open Space next to Wozani Primary School, Umzumbe Local Municipality.

In particular, on the evening of the accident, I engaged with Provincial Police Commissioner Lt General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi who expressed his deepest condolences to the families.

At this stage, we will allow the South African Police Service (SAPS) Accident Unit to conduct an investigation following this accident and the other accident that took place on the same stretch of road.

This accident left eight people dead, including six members of the Gumede family.

While we continue as the Department to help each family go through the ordeal of losing their loved ones in a manner that shows empathy, we offer to double our efforts to reduce and end carnage on our road networks.

Our highly dedicated team from Road Traffic Inspectorate is working flat out ensuring law enforcement and adherence to traffic regulations.

These efforts are being intensified as we approach the festive season.

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