

## **Duma interacts with the family of five victims of a horrific road accident that occurred between Amatigulu and Dokodweni on the N2 | Family to identify bodies in mortuary today**

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Throughout yesterday we interacted with the family of the five victims of a horrific road accident that took place on the N2 between Amatigulu and Dokodweni.

The family is shaken following this tragedy.

I assigned a team from the Department to provide transport to the family. Family members are currently identifying their loved ones at the mortuary in eShowe having arrived just after 12h00 midday.

The outpouring of messages of condolences from the people of KwaZulu-Natal will surely strengthen the family during this difficult period.

As the Department we offer to be with the family and support them until the funeral this weekend.

The five victims were travelling from home in Ndwedwe to Nquthu to attend Umemulo - a traditional Zulu coming-of-age ceremony for a relative.

Their car was crushed and destroyed by the truck carrying sugar.

May the following departed souls rest in peace:-

1. Ms Khululiwe Goodness Maphumulo - 1990/10/10
2. Mr Sithabiso Artwell Mthiya -1990/01/22
3. Ms Lowren Mthiya - 1984/01/02
4. Mr Ephraim Siphiwe Ntuli - 1981/01/01
5. Mr Phakamani Joseph Mthiya -1981/07/15

We have also interacted with the employer of the young and responsible man who was driving the car, which was carrying his four siblings.

We have asked the employer to convey our deepest condolences to all categories of staff.

Importantly, in planning the funeral of the victims, we will work together with the family and the following mayors:-

- Mayor of Ndwedwe Local Municipality, Cllr. Samuel Mfeka (home of the victims);
- Mayor of Ilembe District Municipality, Cllr. Thobani Shandu (Where accident occurred and District where funeral will take place);
- Mayor of Mandeni Local Municipality, Cllr. Thabani Mdlalose (where accident occurred).

Finally, at this stage, we are still locating the family of the truck driver. Our thoughts are with the family and his colleagues.

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