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Duma spends time with all families of eight (8) women who died in a road accident in Nkandla | Details of a mass funeral this weekend are being finalized

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Yesterday, we departed from Nkandla around 20h00 having visited all families of the victims of a horrific accident that took place in Mandaba on the 30th December 2024.

Sadly, all relatives who were travelling to a wedding died after a taxi rolled down an embankment after being knocked by another taxi.

The loss of eight women, in one day, is just too traumatic.

Yesterday we expressed our condolences to the families and prayed to God to receive the following souls:

1. Dudu Majola (54)
2. Ntombifuthi Majola (51)
3. Nokubonga Majola (31)
4. Colile Khanyile (51)
5. Busisiwe Khanyile (49)
6. Slindile Khanyile (34)
7. Nomfundo Khanyile (30)
8. Mbali Biyela (30)

The loss of young women with a promising future—the loss of mothers who were breadwinners—already has devastating financial and emotional consequences for the families.

As the Department, we have offered to take care of funeral services and ensure that the departed are given a dignified funeral.

We have also committed to ensuring that Road Accident Fund is brought closer to the families in relation to the compensation for the loss of income.

On the 31st December between 12h00 and 15h00, I convened a meeting of Mayors and Senior Management of Traffic Departments across all municipalities.

The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Minister of Transport.

We received reports and refined road safety measures currently being implemented by all municipalities.



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We noted a 5% decrease in road fatalities for the period between 1st December 2024 and 27 December 2024 as compared to the same period last year.

A total of 192 people lost their lives during this period and 203 during the same period last year.

We must hasten to point out that we agreed that this number remains very high.

In particular, the loss of 17 lives before the crossing over to 2025 prompted us to strengthen our road safety measures.

We spoke with one voice, given the fact that many holidaymakers will be returning home.

Importantly, the rural-urban trips will be multiplied given the fact that many workers will be travelling back to big cities where they work.

Students will also be travelling back as they prepare for the reopening of institutions of higher learning.

With sporadic rainfall in various parts of the province, we plead with motorists to be extra careful on the road.

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