

**Five people - including two policemen - have died in a horrific accident along the N3, just after Mariannhill Toll Plaza:
Duma receives a report from Road Traffic Inspectorate**

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Mariannhill Toll Plaza, N3: A few hours after our successful Multidisciplinary Roadblock, a reckless Polo driver has caused a horrific accident before the Shongweni Off-Ramp, on the N3 towards Pietemaritzburg.

According to our dedicated team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate, a minibus taxi carrying 17 passengers - travelling to Ixopo veered off the road and rolled 50 metres down the embankment.

Truck drivers who witnessed the accident have revealed that the taxi driver, who was trying to avoid a reckless Polo driver, lost control of his taxi.

The RTI team working with Durban Metro Police, Road Traffic Management Corporation and the South African Police will reconstruct the accident as part of the investigation.

At this stage, we are trying to locate the families of the deceased.

We express our deepest condolences to the families of the victims.

Three passengers are in a serious condition. And nine others sustained minor injuries. They have been taken to R.K Khan Hospital.

The scene of the accident is still active.

We salute emergency rescue personnel that are working professionally to remove the bodies of the deceased.

Today we launched our Durban July and Winter Holiday Road Safety Campaign.

I have mandated the RTI team to sustain the “No Nonsense, Zero Tolerance, and Alufakwa Campaign.”

We remain worried about reports that show that most road accidents happen in winter and at night.

The Road Traffic Management Corporation published the following national fatalities for the previous years:

- June 2021 - 902 road fatalities.
- June 2022 - 873 road fatalities.
- June 2023 - 833 road fatalities.
- June 2024 - 923 road fatalities.

RTI will continue to ensure visibility throughout the weekend and the winter school holidays.

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