

Five people have perished in a horrific accident in Dokodweni, Gingindlovu: Duma mandates RTI to strengthen road safety measures ahead of school's re-opening

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: After what has been a relatively safe winter holiday, we have just received a report from our dedicated team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate informing me about a horrific accident on R66 Nyezane in Gingindlovu.

Although the RTI teams, the South African Police Service, and emergency services are still busy with recovery and rescue operations, we wish to indicate that five passengers unfortunately died on the scene:

- 1. Three adults;
- 2. Two children.

According to RTI, the Hyundai Grand i10 was transporting eight passengers. They were travelling from Nongoma to Durban. Three other passengers from the same vehicle survived.

In a second vehicle, a white Ford Ranger LDV, there were four passengers who survived.

They were travelling towards Gingindlovu.

Preliminary reports indicate that the Ford Ranger LDV lost control and collided headon with the Hyundai Grand i10.

We pause to pay our deepest condolences to the families of the victims.

We request motorists to be patient as both lanes remain closed.

We will send more updates as the night progresses.

As we count down to the reopening of schools, I have mandated RTI to strengthen road safety measures.

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