

**May the Light of God shine on the Ntombela family: Duma sends Fata Sipho Mbatha and the office during the identification of the bodies of five victims of a horrific accident on R66, Gingindlovu**

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We wish to inform the people of KwaZulu-Natal that we are preparing for the mass funeral of the five victims of a horrific head-on collision that took place on R66, Gingindlovu on Sunday evening.

Today, our District Chaplain in King Cetshwayo, Fata Sipho Mbatha and a team from my office are with the Ntombela family in Eshowe Mortuary.

The family is originally from KwaMjibha, Ulundi.

Fata Mbatha is providing spiritual support to the family members as they identify the bodies of the departed souls.

We ask God to shine his light on the Ntombela family as they prepare to bury the mother, her daughter, her grandchildren, and the son-in-law:

1. Ms Makhosi Ntombela (60)
2. Ms Thuli Dlamini (42)
3. Sipho Zungu (6) – male
4. Abenathi Ntombela - (9 months) male
5. Kaserol Michael – (Son-in-law and age unknown)

In particular, social workers and a team from my office are closer to the family because we understand that identifying the deceased in the mortuary is a very traumatic process.

It may lead to stress and depression and could also result in mental health challenges for the family members.

Critically, in order to ease the burden on the family, we are assisting the family with expenses associated with the funeral.

The funeral service is scheduled as follows:-

Date: 26 July 2025

Time: 09h00

Venue: Mjibha Sports Fields, Mahlabathini, near Ulundi Town

May the Departed Souls Rest in Peace

Ends

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