

## **Six church members have died in a Bus accident on the N2 between Mandeni and Stanger**

Media and Public Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma

Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: I have just received a report from our highly efficient team from Road Traffic Inspectorate informing me about a bus accident on the N2 between Mandeni and Stanger.

A bus carrying church members travelling from Richards Bay to Shakaskraal had a tyre burst resulting in the driver losing control. The bus rolled down and landed on the embankment.

Sadly, at this stage we have the following fatalities.

- 5 females;
- 1 male.

The team is currently working with Mandeni Traffic Department, Emergency Rescue teams, and SAPS to rescue the injured.

We are requesting motorists to avoid the area just to allow the rescue operation to be carried out.

This bus accident has occurred as we are about to wrap up our Road Safety Plans for the Easter Holidays.

We wish to express our deepest condolences to the families of the victims. Myself and our newly appointed Chaplain will be co-ordinating the visit to the families of the deceased.

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