

11 people have perished in an accident involving a truck and a minibus taxi in Isiphingo: Duma is rushing to the scene of the accident from Pietermaritzburg.

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

M35, Isiphingo: I am currently making my way to the scene of a horrific accident involving a truck and a minibus taxi in Lotus Park, Isiphingo.

According to a preliminary report from our dedicated team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate, unfortunately 11 people, including a learner, have died in this horrific accident.

Six other people were seriously injured and have been taken to the nearest hospital.

This accident has occurred after we recorded a historic 18% decrease in fatalities during the festive season.

We wish to extend our deepest condolences to the families of the victims.

I have assigned a team from my office to locate the families of the victims. We will do everything in our power to ensure that they receive the necessary support.

Witnesses have alleged that the truck driver made a U-turn resulting in a head-on collision.

It is for these reasons I have mandated the RTI team to work with Durban Metro Police and SAPS as part of an investigation. We want to establish the cause of this accident.

We will update the people of KwaZulu-Natal as we move along.

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