

Afro Pop artists Fanatic SA and Stalin have been saved by RTI Park Rynie from a speeding Zimbabwean National driver: Duma says RTI is on full alert during winter holidays because young people are exposed to road accidents caused by speeding, drunk driving, and increased night traveling

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: With institutions of higher learning and schools closing for winter holidays, we wish to announce that our Road Traffic Inspectorate Team is on full alert.

In this regard, we welcome the arrest of a Zimbabwean national driver who was transporting Afro Pop artists Fanatic SA and Stalin.

He clocked 172 km/h in a 120 km/h zone because "the artists were late for their performance at the beach festival in Umtwalume."

The Zimbabwean national will appear in Scottburgh Magistrates Court tomorrow.

In this country we have in the past lost many young musicians, soccer players, and many other young professionals in various fields as a result of road-related accidents.

Flowing from above, on Youth Day, 16 June 2026, we have set a target of reducing road accidents and fatalities involving young people this winter season.

The fatalities are linked to speeding, excessive alcohol consumption and driving, and increased night traveling.

In particular, the rollout of the #NenzaniLaEzweni operation is based on a report from the Road Traffic Management Corporation.

The report shows that over the past four years, an average total of 1044 young people died every year. The report further states the following:-

- Fatalities on long weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the evening and early morning;
- Young people between the ages of 20 and 39 constitute more than half of the people who die on the roads daily as a result of road crashes.

In addition, our operations must be viewed within the context of responding to figures published by Road Accident Fund. Over the past five years:

- 43.5% of personal claims were submitted by the youth between the ages of 15-35. This totaled 70,743 claims.
- Young people under 15 years filled 15,227 claims.

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