

**Deepest condolences to the family of 1 child that died as 14 others got injured in a scholar transport tragic accident: Duma calls on the minibus taxi driver, who is on the run, to hand himself over to the police**

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

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We wish to express our deepest condolences to the family of a child that died tragically in a scholar transport accident yesterday afternoon.

A minibus taxi overturned in Mount Moriah, KwaMashu, leaving 14 other children, who were coming from daycare schools, badly injured.

We immediately assigned a team to visit the injured children and parents at Mahatma Ghandi Hospital.

The traumatic experience, which the children have had to endure, will take many years to heal.

Importantly, the team met briefly with members of the SAPS who have launched an investigation.

In addition, the team met with the owner of the minibus taxi who indicated that he received a call from the driver informing him that the accident was caused by brake failure.

We are calling upon the driver, who has since disappeared, to hand himself over to the police.

Collectively, as members of the executive council, we undertake to co-ordinate an integrated delivery of much needed service to the affected children, teachers and parents.

Our Road Traffic Inspectorate is working with SAPS as part of investigating the roadworthiness of the minibus taxi.

The MEC for Health, Nomagugu Simelane, is ensuring patient quality care to the injured children.

The MEC for Education, Siphon Hlomuka will be coordinating all interventions focusing on the welfare of children and teachers.

The MEC for Social Development, Mbali Shinga, will be deploying social workers to provide psychosocial support services and trauma counselling to the children and families.

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MEDIA UPDATE at 17h00 on the 5th March 2026

- Driver for Scholar transport hands himself over to the police following an accident in Mount Moria that left one child dead and 14 others injured.
- Duma has announced the strengthening of an integrated law enforcement scholar transport safety programme involving RTI and Durban Metro Police.