

Four people have perished in another horrific head-on collision accident along the N2 in Umtubatuba: Duma receives a report at 2am and sends his condolences to the families of the deceased.

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

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Around 2am this morning, I received a report from our dedicated Road Traffic Inspectorate team just after they had cleared the scene of a horrific accident involving an H100 bakkie and a Hyundai H1 minibus.

Four victims, two females and two males, perished in this head-on collision, which occurred on the N2, Bhoboza off-ramp, in Inkosi Umtubatuba Local Municipality.

We send our deepest condolences to the families of the victims.

In times like these, we are always called upon to show compassion. In this regard, we have assigned teams from my office and the Department to be closer to the bereaved families.

Critically, this accident, which occurred approximately between 23h00 and 23h30, follows the several horrific accidents that claimed innocent lives during weekends this month of July.

1. On the 18th five victims perished in a horrific accident that occurred on the R612, Breamer near KwaDumisa, Umzinto towards Ixopo. The driver of a VW Polo, who died instantly, lost control on a downhill bend resulting in the vehicle leaving the roadway. It overturned and then came back onto the road and crashed into the road barriers.
2. On the 4th of July, six victims died in another head-on collision involving two VW Polo vehicles along the R34 Memel Road in Newcastle. Two victims were burnt beyond recognition.

We have raised our concerns about the fact that night-time winter travel significantly increases accident risks due to reduced visibility and severe driver fatigue.

Although we have ensured RTI visibility and heightened road safety campaigns, economically active people who were breadwinners have had their lives destroyed.

Families have lost their loved ones with children becoming orphans and partners becoming widows.

May the departed souls rest in peace.

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