

The death toll has risen to 13—a horrific accident involving a minibus taxi and truck that occurred on Sunday morning is leaving a trail of destruction: Duma has released the names of the victims and has announced that a memorial service will take place tomorrow at Jabhisa Sport Field, Ward 07 in Big Five Local Municipality.

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

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: The increasing death toll from Sunday morning's horrific accident involving a minibus taxi and a truck along the N2 in Inkosi Mtubatuba Local Municipality has left devastating pain inflicted on the families of the victims.

We regret to inform the people of KwaZulu-Natal that the number of victims who have departed has increased from 11 initially reported to 13.

Once again, we express our deepest condolences to the families of these heroes who were the champions of Ingoma.

Tomorrow we will ask God to receive their souls whilst at the same time celebrating their efforts in promoting and preserving Ingoma and Maskandi, the indigenous dance and music that capture our culture.

Maskandi and Ingoma combined have the potential of enhancing the province's identity and our distinctiveness.

We ask God to receive the souls of the following champions of Ingoma:

1. Mr Nhlonipho Cosmos "2Stabane" Dlamini (32)
2. Mr Thobani Mvumeleni Kunene (33)
3. Mr Alibongwe Sanele Vilane (22)
4. Mr Sgcino Mhlengi Gumede (18)
5. Mr Samkelo Mthethwa (17)
6. Mr Bhekindoda Caiphus Mfeka
7. Mr Skhumbuzo Sizwe Shandu
8. Mr Siyabonga Mngomezulu
9. Mr Sfundu Mnguni
10. Mr Njabulo Thabethe (21) (waiting for DNA)
11. Mr Fanele Dlamini (21) (waiting for DNA)
12. Mr Malwande Gama (waiting for DNA)
13. Mr Owami Xulu (waiting for DNA)

A team from the Department that we assigned to be closer to the families during this difficult period has indicated that all families are extremely traumatized.

What is even more painful is that there are families that are unable to bury their loved ones this weekend because they suffered severe burn wounds.

Consequently, we are guided by processes undertaken by the South African Police Service which dictate that positive identification of the victims must be established through DNA before releasing the remains to the families.

We thank neighbours, traditional leaders, and religious leaders who are working with us as we do everything in our power to assist all families during this agonizing period.

After consultation with families, a memorial service for the victims will take place as follows: -

Date: 01 October 2026

Time: 11h00

Venue: Jabhisa Sport Field, Ward 07, in Big Five Local Municipality.

Importantly, we wish those who are still in hospital a speedy recovery.

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