

The pain is unbearable: The death toll from last night's horrific accident in Umtubatuba rises to six - all members of the same family: Duma sends a team and Department's religious leaders to visit the family in Ward 11, Umfolozi Local Municipality tomorrow at 13h00

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We have no words to describe the pain that the Mnyango family is going through following the death of six family members.

I have ordered an investigation into this tragic accident involving a family car, Corsa, which collided with a truck along the N2 in Inkosi Umtubatuba Local Municipality last night.

We were nursing a hope that the brave girl, who sustained serious injuries, was going to survive. Sadly she has departed.

We bow our heads and invite God to receive the following souls: -

1. Mama Nokuphakama Mnyango (MaMdletshe) (85 years).
2. Mama Makhosi kaMnyango Mthembu (52 years).
3. Mr Mvuyani Gcaleka - 43 years (His mom -Mnyango).
4. Ms Senamile Buthelezi - 29 years (Her mom - Mnyango).
5. Banzi Buthelezi (6 years) Male.
6. Ayanda Pearl Mthembu - Female.

Admittedly, we do not believe that there are appropriate words we can use to stop the pain each surviving family member is experiencing.

Only God has the power to heal and mend the broken hearts. We trust him unconditionally.

We wish to announce that we have assigned a team from my office and the Department to be with the family tomorrow at 13h00.

The team, who will be accompanied by the Department's religious leaders, will also discuss funeral arrangements and other support with the family.

Importantly, we are encouraged that the local councillor Prosper Gumbi under Umfolozi Local Municipality is closer to the family.

We thank other leaders, neighbors and community at large for supporting the family during this difficult period.

We value the hard work of a disaster team from Inkosi Umtubatuba Local Municipality, Emergency Health Services, Road Traffic Inspectorate and SAPS. The teams worked under difficult conditions last night.

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