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*Youth from Sisonke District Municipality observed the June youth month by taking part in a five-day Youth Summit that focused on issues of common interest to them, including skills development, job-creation and economic empowerment openings. In the picture (above), the youngsters are in the company of (from left in black) KwaZulu Natal HOD Chish Hlabisa and MEC for Transport, Community Safety & Liaison Bheki Cele. Cele's Department of Transport was amongst the government departments who took part in the Summit which was staged in Underberg recently. Cele, whose Community Safety & Liaison is scheduled to host a world Youth Summit at the ICC, committed his Department of Transport to provide two pedestrian bridges for the benefit of communities under the Sisonke District so that schoolchildren can be able to cross the river to schools.*



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# Limited budget improving lives

**We commit ourselves to all the people of KwaZulu-Natal that their today would be better than yesterday - Cele**



Before delivering his 2008/9 budget speech, Transport, Community Safety & Liaison MEC Bheki Cele led a road safety and crime awareness march on Langalibalele Street in Pietermaritzburg which ended with the lighting of candles as a symbol of prevention and hope. In the picture, the MEC (in a black suit) is with Departmental senior officials, including Transport HOD Chris Hlabisa (right).

The KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele has dedicated his 2008/09 budget speech of R3, 755 billion to Operation Kushunquthuli and Road Safety.

Presenting his budget at the provincial legislature recently, Cele said: "As we celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Asiphephe, we dedicate this budget to safety on our roads. We commit ourselves to say one death is one too many. We commit ourselves to do our very best towards the reduction of fatalities on our roads."

He further urged the external stakeholders like Community Road Safety Council (CRSC's), the Rural Road Transport Forums (RRTF's), the passenger associations, and the community in partnership with the department to succeed in road safety campaigns and that people must abide to the rules of the 'Just Do Right' campaign.

According to the MEC, the Department's intention within the

Road Safety Directorate in 2008/09 will be the implementation of low cost high incidence engineering remedial measures. "To this end the Department has adopted a 24/7/ 365 days rolling road safety education plan that provides a holistic and co-ordinated approach in the primary areas of concern, concentrating on behaviour and geographical hazardous areas.

This strategy goes a long way in promoting road safety advice, remedial engineering schemes and working with stakeholders on enforcement initiatives. This is aimed at reducing casualties, whilst encouraging a healthier lifestyle.

"It is our conviction that a well designed road, with all the road safety measures in place will contribute to a reduction in fatalities for all road users, including pedestrians and drivers."

Aligned with operation kuShunquthuli, the Department has identified a need to improve its capacity to manage the increased traffic volumes as more people take advantage of the new

well-maintained roads that are being built since the democratic government took over. This has triggered scaling up the intake of

Unit (PTEU) to increase by 100 officers over the next two years to deal with enforcement within the public passenger transport sector



MEC Cele with participants of his Community Safety & Liaison Department volunteer programme aimed at fighting against crime before delivering the 2008/9 budget at the KZN legislature recently.

female traffic police trainees and the Public Transport Enforcement

which will be efficient for the conduct at road blocks.

Cele said that to this end R79, 037 million is allocated to Transportation. "About 70% of the South African population use public transport and it is out of this road safety concern that the department will launch the training of taxi drivers, taxi owners, bus drivers and truck drivers will take place. The training academy focuses on business management and driver skill development initiatives in the interest of addressing the challenges related to safety and business ethics in public transport. This initiative is supported by the KZN MEC for Education. To this end Public FET colleges are involved in the training interventions".

Statistics show that during the December 2007 holidays KwaZulu Natal alone contributed 42% reduction in road accidents on South African Roads and the other 8 provinces shared the remainder of the spread. This served as a lesson for the Department to intensify the significant role of road safety ambassadors, patrons of safety from multisectors such as television, radio, soccer, religion amongst others.

Furthermore, other departmental campaigns like taverns, stadia, festivals amongst others have proven to be successful.

"We have come to learn that people listen better if the messages are transmitted differently by their idols, be they pastors, be they soccer stars, be they television personalities, be they radio personalities. The multidisciplinary law enforcement agencies also played a pivotal role in this success", commented Cele.

The Department of Transport's outstanding operations like Omela eKhaya, Having a dedicated driver, School Crossing Patrol Service, Student Driver Education for Grades 11 and 12, multimedia messages and billboards to mention a few, demonstrate to be positive and successful contributor towards the reduction of fatalities on our roads.

Of the road budget R1. 6 billion is for upgrading and construction, the Traffic Management received R436 649 million, R1.2 billion is for the maintainance of our existing road infrastructure network and R29 billion is allocated to road infrastructure development.

The MEC stated that the balance is used for the essential and support services like Planning, Design, including Programme Support.



# Cele ensures reliable transport system at Umsinga



MEC Cele is assisted by local leaders as he turns the sod heralding the beginning of a much-awaited road to improve the quality of the lives of community members.

Communities of Umsinga and Umzinyathi District Municipality as a whole continue to benefit from the Department's road for rural development programme.

Recently, these communities did not believe it was finally happening when the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele staged a sod turning ceremony of the long awaited construction of Main Road 32 and Zonyama Road.

The estimated cost of the project is R7 million and is planned to be completed in September 2008 to cover a measured and calculated length of 7 kilometers. The cost for Zonyama road project is estimated at R18 million and cost will be

covering 14 kilometers in length.

The KZN Department of Transport allocated a total budget of R97.7 million in 2007/2008 financial year to deal with the service delivery challenges in the Umzinyathi District and a budget of R120 million has been allocated for the 2008/09 financial year.

Addressing the community during the ceremony, MEC Cele said: "We have injected cash in the road maintenance, the construction of new infrastructure, special projects and poverty alleviation and empowerment in this District. Our special projects include among others, the construction of Dicky Bridge, Sphongweni Road, Nxamalala Road, Nyonini Road, Ezingulubeni Road, Mbalane Bridge, P549 and the Nhlesi Road

stone pitching."

These projects will provide among others, safe vehicular access to the community's property; safe access for pedestrians especially school going children; commercial opportunities to the community; agricultural development opportunities to the community; access to the nearby commercial centres; elimination of the heavy dust pollution which is a severe health risk; enhancement of the introduction of I.T. at the schools nearby.

"My Department has started to assist municipalities with capacity when planning road infrastructure. We have been requested by some municipalities to maintain their roads, but only to find that to maintain them will be like reconstructing them entirely due to improper design. We say now we will not maintain municipal roads that were not planned in consultation with us as the Department of Transport.

"I want to emphasize that the Department of Transport has a constitutional responsibility to ensure that our people have a safe and reliable transport system in the province. We need to strengthen our road safety awareness campaigns wherever we are, so that we build roads in order to develop people, and not to kill them," Cele concluded.

## KZN walk against xenophobia



MEC Bheki Cele joined hands with other leaders in a march against xenophobia which was staged eThekweni (from Albert Park to the City Hall) recently to discourage attacks on so-called foreigners of African origin. Innocent people have been killed and injured for nothing and all leaders are united in their call to stop the black-on-black violence.



Receiving his award for service excellence from his Department of Community Safety & Liaison, is MEC Cele, at a function which was held at the ICC eThekweni recently.

# Cele responds promptly to the cries of communities

In October 2007 members of the KwaZulu Natal legislature visited Vryheid. During the visit, the community of BhekuZulu requested the KZN Department of Transport to assist the Zululand District's Abaqulusi Municipality to provide a bridge at BhekuZulu on the alternative route that traverses across Besterspruit river.

The existing KwaBhanya River crossing structure is frequently submerged when it rains heavily and the mobility of the community is subsequently compromised. There has been frequent incidents where some of the community members drowned while there were trying to get across as a result of heavy rains.

But that may be a thing of the past now as MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele Department has responded promptly to the cries of community members.

The Bhanya River Bridge will be constructed with an estimated



This is what people go through where there are no footbridges to cross rivers in many a rural community in the province. But MEC Cele's Department of Transport is pulling all stops to make their today better than their yesterday by providing pedestrian bridges.

cost of R7 million over a period of twelve months. The purpose of this project is to provide convenient access to the BhekuZulu community.

During construction, there will be enhancement of skills transfer to SMMEs through the unbundling of construction activities. Contractors will be encouraged to source their

material from local suppliers. The appointed main contractor will be expected to provide a training and development programme.

There is a potential for twenty

unskilled labour job opportunities that will be structured in compliance with the equity plan that recognises the need to employ women, youth and people living with disabilities. There is also potential for five skilled labour job opportunities. The implementation strategy of this project at the construction stage will ensure skills development.

Speaking at the recent sod turning ceremony, MEC Cele said that the KZN Department of Transport has a legislative mandate to manage the transportation system in KwaZulu-Natal. This includes amongst others, the construction, upgrading, maintenance and control of the provincial road network.

"This is not the first time we have government in the history of South Africa and KwaZulu-Natal in particular. But our people have only begun to see change in their lives through our democratic government's development programmes," Cele concluded.



## Cele commended for quick response in Weenen



**This is the river that has made headlines recently due to the lack of a pedestrian bridge. Community members have improvised and risked their lives each time they cross the road using inflated tubes. Cele's Department of Transport has been praised for its timely intervention by committing itself to providing a pedestrian bridge.**

**T**he KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison has made a mark in the history of rural access for the province.

Recently, there was a sod turning for Uthukela River Bridge

at Sahlumbe in Weenen, which is yet another indication of our government's resolve to strengthen our commitment to bring hope to those communities most in need.

The requirement for the structure had been voiced by the local authority and also through

the media, which had witnessed scholars crossing the Uthukela on inflated tyre tubes.

This 160m long vehicular bridge will be constructed at an estimated cost of R22 million. There will be also R2 million to be spent on approaches, making the

total cost of the project amount to R24 million.

Although no one has so far been crocodile prey, the local communities have seen them in the river. Currently during the high flood months, scholars do not have direct crossing points of the Tugela

and some resort to highly dangerous crossings using inflated tubes.

About 200 people are forced to cross this river and already, seven people since 2000 have drowned while trying to cross the river in this way.

This infrastructure will also provide all year access to scholars from the Sahlumbe High School and to the Sahlumbe clinic. There will be access to public transport for those communities residing to the north of the river.

As per government's policy, another important aspect of the construction of the bridge is that its cost remains an economic benefit to the communities it will serve. The prospective contractors will be compelled to source all materials from the local suppliers and employ all artisans and labour from the nearby communities.

"These footbridges are needed to help our school children whose lives are often in danger as a result of flooded rivers and are forced not to attend school during the summer months, especially when it rains.

"In the 2006/7 financial year, we constructed 14 pedestrian bridges to the value of R38 million; 10 pedestrian bridges in the last financial year 2007/8 at R45 million and in the current financial year 2008/9 we will be constructing 13 pedestrian bridges at R48 million in this province," Cele told the community of Sahlumbe.

# DOT ensuring access for farm residents

**T**he KZN Department of Transport is on a mission to connect people from across the province and to make them realise that every place can be open to them. Communities of Lowsberg can confirm that following the recent sod turning ceremony for the construction of road in the Umbhudula area.

The sod turning followed shortly after people in this area made an unregretful call to the KwaZulu-Natal Department Transports requesting a road to be built.

Addressing the community that came in numbers, MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele congratulated people of Lowsberg on their new victory.

"You have been denied access for years, but your struggle is now

being rewarded, as government we will remove all obstacles in your way. This was supposed to be 4km road but because the farm owner did not want the road in his farm that we are forced to add an extra cost and kilometres to this road," Cele said.

The D597, which is 11, 5 kilometre gravel road network as well as 90 meter long bridge over Mkhuze River is estimated to cost around R14 million. In addition to that, the Department will also build an access road to educational and health facilities. There is a set budget for the construction of a 4 kilometre access road to health facilities such as Makhwela clinic as well as neighbouring educational and recreational facilities.

The Mbhuda community resides on a farm situated some 20 kilometres to the south of town of

Louwsberg. The community can only get access to the provincial road network by right of way adjacent to private properties. This right of way has been denied to the community by the neighbouring farmers who have closed off the boundary fences.

The local community stands to benefit during the construction work as they will be given preference in job opportunities. A labour intensive method has been adopted for the road construction, meaning no sand mixer will be used and this will also create opportunities for Vukuzakhe emerging contractors from stages one up to four. A number of Zibambele contractors who will be employed full time as part of road maintenance strategy in rural areas.



**MEC Cele is in the business of facilitating community development in the province. Above: Cele is with Abaqulusi Mayor George Dlamini turning the sod in preparation for the beginning of the construction of Ngoje road. Cele assured community members that his Department would definitely follow-up with practical work that will improve their mobility and provide them with jobs and economic opportunities.**





Msunduzi Municipality Mayor Zanele Hlatshwayo (left) and MEC Cele congratulate Ncamisile Ntuli for being a Siyazenzela food for waste management poverty alleviation project participant. Cele imported the project from overseas and it is benefiting the poor.

## Siyazenzela food for waste project at Umsunduzi



KZN Transport Department head Chris Hlabisa hosted a team that was led by national public works minister Thoko Didiza. Didiza praised the Siyazenzela food for waste management poverty alleviation project which was facilitated by MEC Cele. Cele has challenged other municipalities to follow in the footsteps of Ugu, Msunduzi and Ladysmith municipalities which are implementing the project in KwaZulu Natal and benefiting the poor and the unemployed. Siyazenzela is part of the national public works department's Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP).

She is 32 years old and has been contracted to participate in the food for waste management project called Siyazenzela, a poverty alleviation initiative of the KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele for poverty alleviation.

Ncamisile Ntuli (pictured with the leadership above) from Pietermaritzburg is one of the youth and adults who are grateful for being part of this project which has enabled them to put food on the table. She has even been able to pay school fees and buy school uniform for her ten-year-old child from her R200 monthly government social welfare grant.

Siyazenzela Programme is modeled from the Curitiba – Brazil, "Garbage that is not Garbage programme", whereby poor households exchange waste for food parcels. It is an initiative that seeks to alleviate poverty while raising environment awareness in

our communities.

MEC Cele recently handed the project over to Umsunduzi Municipality and the Jika Joe Informal Settlement has been the first to benefit in Pietermaritzburg. The Hibiscus Coast Municipality has already piloted the project and is proving to be successful.

"We target informal settlements and the food they receive will last each household for about a month. The government would have easily given the tender to two service providers but instead the money is distributed to the poorest of the community.

"We are reconfirming our commitment to making the required impact in the lives of our people in all corners of the province of KwaZulu Natal. Our intention is to see it being rolled out to all municipalities in the province. This is all in the quest to intensify our fight against poverty," said Cele.

Each participant signs a month to month contract which will last for a year. To this end, 50

beneficiaries have been selected and are undergoing the process of signing contracts binding them for a period of 1 month. These include 37 women, 13 men and 25 youth."

Umsunduzi Municipality Mayor Zanele Hlatshwayo was also present and said that the residents of Jika Joe settlement had

been complaining about the poor waste collection service leading to rat and cockroach infested homes. "With each participant benefiting from this twelve month contract, we hope that this grows in order to alleviate poverty and diseases in the community," she said.

Cele said that: "Many people

think that poverty strikes foreign countries and that it does not affect urban settlements. Our economy may be growing but there are people who are still poor. We need to implement programmes like Zibambele and Siyazenzela which feed a number of people. Zibambele feeds over 40 000 families".



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# Department hosts Zibambele workshop



**Left:**  
Members of the Transport Department's Zibambele road maintenance poverty alleviation programme at work.

**Above:**  
Departmental employees who are responsible for the coordination of the acclaimed Zibambele poverty alleviation programme which is part of the national Extended Public Works Programme.

contractors who are either not paid or want to be supplied with sufficient tools, this must stop," he said.

There are also plans by the department to root out corrupt officials and political interference in some regions when employing Zibambele contractors, the only and the proper criteria for employing contractors is their poverty background.

Head of Department, Chris Hlabisa said amongst the policy changes, his department was planning various training programmes for contractors. Such training is expected to include, training them on their

job description as they are an integral part of the strategic road maintenance programme as well as HIV/AIDS.

"A number of Zibambele contractors have been awarded learnerships to study civil engineering while others who are illiterate will be put under ABET and the Office of the Premier's Masifundisane literacy programme to enable them to read and write. Apart from that, we will be negotiating with other public institutions such as Department of Economic Development for them to form cooperatives. We will also negotiate with Home Affairs to arrange them to have their identity

documents processed within a period of less than three months," Hlabisa said.

## Budget speech

### dedicated to Zibambele

Meanwhile, MEC Cele has dedicated his 2008/09 budget speech to the resilient women whose lives and those of their families are better than yesterday because of Zibambele. Presenting his budget at the provincial legislature, he said that in line with recent fuel and food price hike, the department has increased the salaries for Zibambele contractors from R410 to R450 effective from 1 April 2008.

"This Department is currently researching ways and strategies of empowering Zibambele women to ensure their increased participation in the mainstream economy. A number of opportunities have been earmarked for this purpose, such as the adoption of a strategy where for all the public interaction events held, Zibambele saving clubs who are residing within that locality are given a contract to provide catering services.

The KZN Department of Transport was given the task of coordinating the Expanded Public Works Programme in this province. To this end, the province accounts for 29% of the total jobs created under this programme and other provinces share the other 71%.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport hosted a two-day Zibambele provincial policy workshop in Vryheid recently. The workshop is in line with the *Batho Pele* principles and people-centred governance.

Addressing people including staff members and Zibambele contractors, MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele, said that the Department

has made changes in the policy of Zibambele so that it is in line with legislative mandate.

"The purpose of this gathering is to ensure uniformity and efficient implementation of the Zibambele maintenance programme throughout the province of KwaZulu-Natal," said Cele.

MEC also lashed out at some staff members who are lazy to what they get paid for.

"I am always embedded with phone calls from Zibambele

## Developmental programmes must have exit strategy – Cele

The KZN Department of Transport held Vukuzakhe Indaba at Alpine Heath, Drakensberg recently.

The purpose of Indaba was to come up with resolutions regarding matters concerning Vukuzakhe programs and to craft an exit strategy for the contractors in such a way that there is a safe landing for them.

Among challenges facing Vukuzakhe Contractors, the following were noted: lack of resources to operate efficiently, inadequate capacity within associations, lack of co-ordination and dissemination of information, lack of transparency in the tendering process, construction sector does not support previously disadvantaged individuals,



**Delegates during the Vukuzakhe emerging contractor programme Indaba which was held in Drakensberg recently.**

insufficient job opportunities within the Department and also difficulty in accessing finance.

The Indaba came with

resolutions on how managers can resolve such challenges by September 2008. As a way forward, training needs should be submitted

to the Department by Vukuzakhe Associations. The Department will then prioritise the training needs and source accredited training providers.

It was also resolved that the scope of work to be carried out by Stage 1 Contractors must be identified and such work must be advertised instead of sub-contracting such work. This will avoid non-payment of sub-contractors by main contractors. The tender documents must be prepared and delivered to the nearest Cost Centre for easy access by contractors.

The time it takes for tenders to be adjudicated must be reduced from 12 weeks to 8 weeks.

\* Meanwhile, the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele, has highlighted Vukuzakhe Programme

in his budget presentation at the provincial legislature recently. He said that the role of emerging contractors in line with the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment continues to be at the forefront of the agenda in the Department of Transport.

"The programme has created 245 000 employment opportunities in excess of 3-4 months. The total budget for the programme to date stands at R2,616, 95 billion. This includes supervision, training and overheads.

"Partnership is being sought with established contractors who are willing to come on board. We look to this partnership with the aim of ensuring that ultimately, our contractors participate fully in the open economy of this country and globally," said Cele.



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

# Cele brings new life in Ulundi



**DOT's Rural Road Transport Forum member Thembi Masondo and Ulundi Municipality's councillor Makhoni Msibi help MEC Cele to turn the sod before the beginning of a bridge construction over the Intethe river.**

The community of Ulundi in D section still cannot believe that really, their difficulty of crossing the Intethe River will soon be a thing of the past. This follows a recent sod turning ceremony by the KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele to mark the beginning of the construction of the Intethe River Bridge.

The bridge was initially requested by the ward councillor and the proposal was for a pedestrian bridge, but in the spirit of Operation Kushunquthuli, Cele has injected more cash in this project to accommodate both pedestrians and vehicles.

Addressing thousands of people who attended the ceremony, Cele said that his Department is also prepared to assist municipalities with capacity when planning road infrastructure, adding that they assist municipalities irrespective of which political party is leading that municipality.

"As per our government's policy, another important aspect of the construction of the bridge is that its cost remains an economic benefit to the communities it will serve. The prospective contractors will be compelled to source all materials from the Ulundi/Mahlabathini area and employ all artisans and labour from the nearby communities.

"The number of people that will utilize the bridge after completion is huge. This includes S'khalelumuzi Primary School and Insikayendlu High School, a hospital and mobile clinics, a police station, public transport and historical sites etc., along the road

"We all know that in 2002 two school children drowned in the Intethe River and in 2007 another child drowned while trying to

cross the river. One teacher from Skhalelumuzi was once mugged and killed near the river dongas as he was about to cross the river. The bridge will help the community not to go down the dongas to cross, said Cele.

In its mission to build pedestrian bridges in the province, in the 2006/07 financial year alone the Department constructed 14 pedestrian bridges to the value of R32 million, in 2007/08 financial year 10 pedestrian bridges were constructed to the value of R40 million and this financial year 2008/09, 13 pedestrian bridges to the value of R48 million are to be constructed throughout the province.

Meanwhile MEC Cele continues to ensure that the previously disadvantaged school children get all the necessary skills in their schools. He has donated computers to many schools in the province. The recent school to benefit has been Mahlabathini High with 10 computers.

Further more, the MEC also identified a young man who is doing grade 12 at Insikayezwe High School, Desmond Sambo from Ulundi and awarded him a bursary.

"There was a boy whom I was talking to on our way to the river, he said he wants to do civil engineering. I am giving him a bursary to attend any institution in the country he wants on condition he does Civil Engineering," said Cele.

"I thank uBaba Cele for this, my mother had said she could try and come up with the money but this opportunity is a relief to my family," said Desmond who comes from a family of four with his mother, father and younger brother who is also doing science studies.

**ROAD SAFETY**

# Driving and "celluling" is an offence on our roads



**Above: One of the Hamba Uphephile Music Competition category winners, African Solution from Mbumbulu.**

"It is unfortunate that most South African drivers are not aware that you are breaking the law if you talk on the cell phone without hands free set while driving. This is one other issue our roads measures will look at this financial year."

This is how KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele, expressed his concerns about the behaviour of South African motorists on our roads. Cele was speaking during the road safety music competition held in Durban recently.

"You are not able to give your full attention on the road if you do not concentrate. If you hear shocking news whilst on the phone, chances are that you will not be able to drive thus causing an accident," he added.

Another problem, the MEC said was that there were very stubborn people out there, adding that: "you talk about not drinking and driving, but they enter their vehicles with bottles of liquor and sit down behind the wheel. The problem is that when they cause an accident, they do not die alone they deprive a family of a bread winner leaving child headed households."

The primary purpose of the competition is to promote pedestrian safety. The competition will give aspiring artists the opportunity to create their own music while educating the community about pedestrian safety.

The competition first ran across all four regions of the Department and the winners competed at the provincial level. It targets emerging

artists who are required to compose and perform a song about road safety and one other gospel song.

"Our road safety initiative in the form of music competition is a culmination of a province-wide programme that has already gone to many areas in the province. Our Inter-Faith Road Safety Programme forms part of the KZN Transport Department's mass mobilisation plans to spread the

safety messages. "Our partnership with artists has not gone unnoticed or un-rewarded. Musicians, in particular, have made a major contribution towards spreading road safety awareness messages over the years. "We therefore commend this partnership with emerging artists through our interfaith committee. We know that artists have access to audiences across the cultural, political, linguistic and digital divide," said Cele. There were



**Above: MEC Cele (right) with Director General in the Office of the Premier of KZN Kwazi Mbanjwa (left) congratulate the winning group during the Hamba Uphephile Music Competition.**

gospel of road safety in order to reduce the number of road deaths on the province's roads. "Our Road Safety messages continue to reach new and broad audiences because of the creativity of our initiatives. Every year we work with religious communities in promoting our road

prizes up for grabs like the best composer or songwriter for the "arrive alive" song, which was scooped by Rivers of Joy. The other prize was for a recording deal with one of the major music companies. The winners of that prize went to African Salvation.



# Asiphephe! One death is one too many!



1. National Transport Minister Jeff Radebe, KZN Transport Department HOD Chris Hlabisa and his Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) team display an award which was won by the province for being the best in road traffic law enforcement in the country;

2. MEC Cele hosted the Take a girl child to work. In the picture he is seen together with his head of Department Chris Hlabisa with the schoolchildren;

3. Alighting from a bus that was involved in an accident that injured many people in Pinetwon recently, is MEC Cele. His HOD Chris Hlabisa is with him;

4. This is how the taxi that claimed the lives of 15 people looked like after colliding with the truck in Dundee;

5. Presenting road carnage victim Silindile Zulu with flowers is HOD Chris Hlabisa. Zulu is lucky to have survived in an unfortunate incident that took place between Ulundi and Vryheid, claiming the lives of eight people;

6. A bereaved family member during a provincial memorial service organized by the Office of the Premier of KwaZulu Natal Sibusiso Ndebele after the Dundee road carnage which claimed the lives of 15 people;

7. Rows of coffins speak volumes about the plight of people on our roads. Eight people died in an accident at Sawoti;

8. A large crowd which attended Ukhozi fm's Royal Show annual music festival recently was addressed by MEC Cele on road safety matters. Drinking and driving is one of the most important factors that contribute to carnage on our roads;

9. Christians praying for MEC Cele as he was visiting various church denominations preaching safety on our roads;

10. MEC Bheki Cele consoling the bereaved family members in what was dubbed Black Monday in which 29 people died in different road incidents within two hours.



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