



**SPEECH (NOTES) BY KWAZULU-NATAL MEC FOR TRANSPORT,  
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON MR. B.H. CELE AT THE MEMORIAL  
SERVICE HELD ON THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2006.**

**All protocol observed.**

- Today we are reminded about the gruesome death of eleven people who were killed last Thursday, 1 June 2006 in a road crash involving a taxi and a truck on the intersection of the M35 and Old Main Road at Isipingo.
- According to a witness from the truck involved in the collision, the driver of the truck applied brakes but the brakes failed. A taxi crossed over the road intersection from east to west turning into Isipingo. The truck then hit the centre island and road and collided with the taxi.
- On impact the taxi burst into flames and eleven people burnt to death inside the taxi.

- Five other people were allegedly rescued from the taxi by the truck assistant.
- On the day of the crash I personally visited the scene, and we also visited the survivors at hospital.
- On 31 December 2005 (New Year's Eve) nine people were killed in a road crash between a Toyota Camry, minibus taxi and a bus on the R102 intersection between Old Main Road and Saunders Road also here at Isipingo.
- I would like to express my sincere condolences to all the bereaved families during this time of extreme grief.
- The names of the deceased are as follows:
  1. Thembani Mzolo (43)
  2. Sizakele Mbhele (55)
  3. Thandani Mbili (56)
  4. Gugile Khuzwayo (49)
  5. Immelda Ngcobo (33)
  6. Siphesihle Gcaba (31)
  7. Muzikayise Dlamini (30)
  8. Philisiwe Sabelo (27)
  9. Diana Hadebe (56)
  10. Silindile Lembede (30)
  11. Ayanda Ngidi (18)

**“May their souls rest in peace?”**

- It is reported that the driver of the truck ran away from the scene and police investigations into this crash are continuing.

- The safety of our people is one of the key priorities of our government.
- I therefore want to repeat myself to all drivers to comply with all road rules or face the full might of the law.
- In conclusion, we as government will continue to do everything possible to assist the affected families in whatever way we can during these difficult moments.

**THANK YOU.**