



Media Statement

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CREECY AND HLENGWA EXPRESS CONDOLENCES TO BEREAVED FAMILIES WHO LOST 10 LOVED ONES

PRETORIA: The Minister of Transport, Ms Barbara Creecy, and the Deputy Minister, Mr Mkhuleko Hlengwa, have expressed deep sadness following a major crash that claimed the lives of 10 people (9 males and 1 female), and left 3 injured on Thursday, 21 May 2026, in Mpumalanga.

According to the National Traffic Police, a Toyota minibus taxi and a bus collided head-on at approximately 05:15 on the R39 between Standerton and Morgenzon in Mpumalanga.

Creecy and Hlengwa have extended their condolences to the bereaved families and also expressed their wish for a speedy and full recovery to those injured

They have also emphasized that it is important for motorists to take heed of the road safety messages.

Long distance drivers are urged to take a break after every 200 km or after every 2 hours of driving. This is due to a proven fact that fatigue is a silent killer.

Creecy and Hlengwa have instructed the RTMC to investigate the cause of the crash and submit a preliminary report within 48 hours.

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