
Media Statement

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CREECY AND HLENGWA SEND CONDOLENCES AND WELL WISHES FOLLOWING MAJOR CRASH ON N3 VAN REENEN'S PASS, KZN

PRETORIA: The Minister of Transport, Ms. Barbara Crecy and Transport Deputy Minister, Mr. Mkhuleko Hlengwa have sent messages of heartfelt condolences and support to the families of the bereaved and injured following a major crash that resulted in the loss of eighteen (18) lives and one (1) person sustaining serious injuries.

The crash occurred on Monday 6 January 2025 at approximately 20:30 on the N3 at Van Reenen's Pass, KwaZulu-Natal. Reports received thus far indicate that a Truck, a Minibus and a light motor vehicle were involved in a multiple vehicle crash that resulted in 18 fatalities (13 adults and 5 children) and 1 (one) baby seriously injured. The cause of the crash is unknown at this stage and will be subject to an investigation.

The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) has dispatched a team of crash reconstruction and investigations to the scene to determine the cause of the crash.

Minister Crecy and Deputy Minister Hlengwa have wished the injured well and a speedy recovery to good health.

"Our hearts and our prayers are with all the families, the loved ones and friends of the deceased and injured during this period of deep grief.

We also wish a speedy return to good health to all who sustained injuries during this sad and tragic occurrence", said Minister Crecy.

The Minister and Deputy Minister have reiterated their call to motorists and all road users for heightened vigilance on the roads emphasizing the call and the appeal that road users must always take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others on the roads.

As inclement weather persists in some provinces across the country, the Ministry strongly reiterates its call for heightened caution and vigilance on the roads, for motorists in particular and all other road users and wishes to remind all road users of important road safety tips:

- Ensure that your vehicle is roadworthy!
- Buckle up at all times!
- Adhere to the speed limit!
- Exercise extra caution when driving in inclement weather and maintain a safe following distance!
- Avoid driving under the influence of alcohol
- Avoid using cell phones while driving!
- Take regular breaks when driving long distances!
- Pedestrians must cross streets at marked intersections!
- Pedestrian must wear bright clothing when walking in dark areas!

LET US ALL ARRIVE ALLIVE!! FIKA UPHILA!

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