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Eight Occupants Including a Baby Died as Three Vehicles Got Involved in a Fatal Accident Along B48 Road

The Police are investigating a case of a Culpable Homicide after three vehicles got involved in a fatal accident along B48 road along the Driefontein to Rietpan, at about 16:30 yesterday.

The accident involves a Toyota Fortuner, a Toyota Venture, and an Isuzu LDV Double Cap. It is alleged that a woman driver of a Fortuner was overtaking at a solid lane, a barrier line, where there was oncoming traffic. Upon realising that she will be unable to complete her action, she then attempted to swerve back to her lane but in the process, unfortunately hit a Toyota Venture. The driver of the Toyota Venture then lost control of the car, the vehicle span around and collided head-on with an Isuzu LDV.

Five males, two females and a baby died en route to the hospital, i.e. all occupants, four in the Venture and four from the Isuzu. The eight include two school children who are reported to be attending school at Nietverdiend Laerskool. Two occupants of a Venture are yet to be positively identified.

Meanwhile, the driver of a Fortuner and four other passengers in Venture survived with minor to serious injuries and were rushed to the hospital of which one was transferred to Mahikeng Provincial Hospital.

Families of all victims have been contacted.

The MEC for the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr. Mokgantshang Motlhabane, passes a message of condolences to the families of the bereaved as well as wished a speedy recovery to those injured. In the same breath, the MEC sends a stern warning to motorists who continue to disobey the road rules with impunity.

"We are appealing to motorists to always drive safely, reduce speed, avoid reckless overtaking, share the roads wisely and ensure that vehicles are in good working conditions", pleaded MEC, Dr. Motlhabane.

Motorists are urged to always abide by the traffic regulations and obey all road signs. Corporation with all Law Enforcement Agents, Traffic Officials and operations is necessary as visible traffic control has been stepped-up.

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