

MEDIA STATEMENT

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One passenger dies and 32 seriously injured

Human Settlements Public Safety and Liaison MEC Nono Maloyi has sent his heartfelt condolences to the family of a woman who passed on following an accident which happened this morning on the Mooinooi off ramp on the N4 near Marikana. MEC Maloyi expressed concern over the number accidents which continue to happen on our provincial roads and further called on motorists to rest every two hours or every 200 kilometres.

According to preliminary reports by traffic officials, it is alleged that fatigue had been identified as the main cause of the accident this morning. About 32 people were seriously injured when a truck collided with a bus carrying members of the Zion Christian Church from Botswana to Limpopo; it is alleged that the truck driver immediately fled the scene with truck keys and police are still investigating the matter. Most of the casualties have been hospitalized at Dr George Mokhari hospital in Garankuwa. A case of culpable homicide has been open.

Meanwhile, about 14 motorists were arrested by traffic officials in Bapong outside Brits over the weekend for driving under the influence of alcohol. MEC Maloyi commended the traffic officials for the arrests and further encouraged them to work around the clock in making sure that provincial roads are accident free and lives are saved.

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