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MEC shocked by the death of bus operator ...

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North West MEC for Public Works, Transport and Roads, Mahlakeng Mahlakeng, has reacted with deep shock at the death of one of the most established bus operators in the province, George Masia.

Masia of KGE Business Enterprise of Lichtenburg, died instantly when a car he was travelling in rammed into a truck on the Lichtenburg- Mafikeng road between 1pm and 2pm on yesterday.

Both vehicles were travelling in the same direction towards Mafikeng about 10km outside Lichtenburg.

“We are deeply saddened by his untimely death and my deepest condolences go to his family, relatives and many of his employees whose lives have changed for the better by his good leadership and business acumen,” Mahlakeng said.

KGE Masia Business Enterprise transported more than 5 600 learners from 60 schools in the areas of:

Potchefstroom-Wolmarans; Ottosdal-Makwassie; Ventersdorp-Potchefstroom and Lichtenburg-Koster.

The company was awarded the first pilot project by the department on December 11 2003 for the transportation of farm learners and rural access.

Masia who started as a driver years ago, began operating in January 2004 as the first scholar transport operator with 14 buses.

His contract with the Department was for 60 months and was recently extended for 15 months.

Masia will be buried (7am) on Saturday (May 30) at Boikhutso Location cemetery, Lichtenburg.

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