

KwaZulu-Natal Premier has announced assistance for the victims

Empangeni: The families of the victims of the road accident that took place along N2 in Nonoti will be assisted by the provincial government to ensure that their loved ones get a decent burial. KwaZulu-Natal Premier Senzo Mchunu made this announcement after meeting families of the victims in KwaMbonambi and Mhlathuze, respectively, in Empangeni today. We are saddened by the passing away of Ms Buyi Hadebe and Ms Nonto Ximba.

May the departed souls rest in peace.

"A team of officials from human rights unit and the office of status of women and children unit in the Office of the Premier in my office will assist in the coordination of government's interventions. Our priority is to provide counselling to the families especially children that have been traumatized after losing their mothers."

"The Road Accident Fund has been brought on board to assist families and including those who were injured with regards to lodging their claims as prescribed by the law. Importantly, our main focus is to ensure that the children of the victims are not left destitute and that they have a brighter future. RAF has undertaken to process the loss of income claim for the children as they depended on their mothers for financial support."

"The Mayor of UThungulu Cllr Thembeka Mchunu, Deputy Mayor Cllr Nonhle Mkhulusi and Mayor of Lower Umfolozi municipality Cllr Smangaliso Mgenge who were part of visits have undertaken to be with families and offer assistance during this period."

"The details of the funeral of the victims will be announced during the course of the week after all arrangements have been finalized with families and religious leaders."

"I want to reiterate that the latest road accidents call for government to intensify road safety campaigns as we approach the Easter Weekend. We cannot afford the loss of innocent lives on our roads."

"I have been liaison with the MEC for Transport, Community Safety Willies Mchunu since the road accidents were reported to me. We have undertaken to allow law enforcement officers to do their work diligently."

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