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## Media Statement

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### **Eleven people perish between Middelburg and Van Dyksdrift in a head on collision**

A head on collision between a concrete mixer truck and minibus has claimed eleven lives and seven people were seriously injured. The injured include the driver of the truck and six passengers from the minibus. The deceased include two children aged between four and six years. The collision happened last night around 20:45 on R575 Road between Middelburg and Van Dyksdrift.

The collision occurred near the turn off that leads to N4 toll road near Middelburg. It is reported that the minibus was travelling towards Johannesburg while the truck was travelling towards the direction of Middelburg.

The driver of the minibus also died in the accident while the driver of the truck sustained serious injuries with other six people. The injured were taken to Middelburg General Hospital and others were taken to Cosmos Hospital in Emalahleni. All the occupants in the minibus were Mozambican nationals.

The process of identifying the bodies of the victims is underway. The case of culpable homicide is being investigated by the police while the RTMC crash experts and the police along with DCSSL are still at the scene and the investigation into the crash is underway. who had been away to their country of origin. The seriously injured have since been transferred to Gauteng Province

Mpumalanga Community Safety, Security and Liaison MEC Pat Ngomane is deeply shocked by the incident saying that motorist should try and use the road with great care in order to avert any further loss of lives and injury on the road.

Ngomane has once more pleaded with motorists to ensure that their actions contribute towards preserving lives at all times when they are behind the steering wheel.

The MEC has sent his heartfelt condolences to the affected families and he has also wished those who were injured a speedy recovery. Furthermore, MEC Ngomane has urged drivers to be extra carefully this festive season and obey the rules of our roads. Ngomane says pedestrians should also pay attention to traffic lights and other signs.

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