

Media Statement

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Statement by MEC Violet Mathye, Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety

We are saddened to confirm a fatal accident involving a Toyota Minibus on the N1-26/ Lunds route in Capricorn district earlier today at 02:21. The quantum was carrying 27 passengers which was far above the required number. A tyre burst is possible cause of the accident which could have led the driver to lose control, resulting in the vehicle overturning.

Our hearts go out to the families of the 5 passengers who lost their lives (3 females, 2 males). The driver and 11 passengers who sustained minor injuries were taken to nearby hospitals.

"We wish the injured a speedy recovery. Our thoughts are with those affected by this tragedy." MEC Mathye said.

The Department once more wishes to advise drivers to have a pre trip inspection at all times.

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