



MEDIA STATEMENT

To : All News Editors
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Attention: News Editors / Transport Reporters / PR Wires

RTMC Investigators in Pietermaritzburg

GAUTENG -: Crash investigators from the Road Traffic Management Corporation have arrived in Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu Natal to investigate an accident that claimed 18 lives this morning.

The team will reconstruct the scene in an effort to determine the exact cause of the accident.

The role of weather conditions, the quality of the road, vehicle fitness and driver behaviour will be examined in detail to determine the exact cause of the accident.

Available information indicates that the accident happened when a Minibus overturned resulting in 18 fatalities and 8 injured persons.

It is alleged that the driver lost control of the vehicle and it crashed into a barrier on the bridge and rolled down an embankment and landed next to the Msundusi Dam.

There were 26 persons in the 16 seater minibus. The vehicle has been impounded to allow for mechanical investigations to be conducted on it.

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