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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## RTMC investigating major weekend crashes with multiple fatalities.

The RTMC and the police will be investigating allegations that the minibus was overloaded with 10 people when the collision happened. This resulted in 24 fatalities from the minibus and three injuries from the bus.

Six other people died on the same stretch of road at Dingamanzi Village, between Giyani and Polokwane, when two sedans collided in the early hours of Sunday morning. The precise cause of the crash is subject to the ongoing investigation.

Six other people died on R544 between Emalahleni and Verena when two sedans collided. The deceased included children aged between two and 13 years. Three people were injured.

This was the bloodiest weekend we have experience and it again point to recklessness and negligence by drivers, the RTMC CEO Advocate Makhosini Msibi said.

He urged motorists returning from the long weekend to drive carefully and respect the rules of the road.



Traffic is expected to increase this afternoon as many motorists will be heading back to the industrial hubs following a short holiday.

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