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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Passengers Killed in the Welkom Crash is Probed by RTMC Crash Investigators

**BREAKING:** The RTMC has dispatched a team of crash reconstruction and investigation experts to the site of the bus collision in the Free State to assist in establishing the cause of the crash that has claimed the lives of at nine people.

The crash happened when an Intercape Bus overturned on Alma road in Welkom in the early hours of the morning. Three of the passengers killed in the crash were children.

The bus driver is alleged to have committed suicide after the crash as he was found hung in a tree close to the scene of the gruesome crash.

The Chief Executive Officer of the RTMC, Advocate Makhosini Msibi has expressed great shock and sadness following news of the fatal crash.



"Our heartfelt condolences go to families of the deceased. We wish them great strength and comfort during this dark moment in their lives. We further wish the injured passengers a speedy recovery".

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