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## **MAJOR CRASH CLAIMS NINE LIVES**

**PRETORIA:** The Road Traffic Management Corporation has learned of a major crash that occurred this morning claiming nine lives.

The crash occurred at approximately 07h30 on the R82, 8km from Sasolburg towards Koppies in the Free State Province. It is alleged that the truck crashed into an oncoming minibus taxi while overtaking a vehicle that had stopped in front of it.

Nine people were confirmed dead at the scene while three survivors were rushed to a nearby hospital.

While the cause of the crash is subject to the ongoing investigations the RTMC urges motorists to remain vigilant and to refrain overtaking where it is unsafe to do so. Motorists are further warned to refrain from speeding and from driving under the influence of alcohol.

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