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PRESS RELEASE

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RTMC WARNS TRUCK OPERATORS TO EXERCISE PROPER CONTROL OVER THEIR DRIVERS OR THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES

PRETORIA: Concerned about the spate of crashes involving heavy vehicles on the roads, the Road Traffic Management Corporation strongly warns truck owners that they can be held liable for the negligent conduct of their drivers.

Truck owners are further warned that they could lose the right to operate on national roads which would have dire consequences for their businesses.

This follows a shocking truck crash on R34 near ULundi in KwaZulu Natal today. The crash allegedly happened when a truck driver failed to stop at the scene of a crash.

He collided with other six vehicles - four trucks, one SUV and one light delivery vehicle - at the scene causing them to explode into a ball of fire. Two people were injured.

A video of a crash was circulated widely on social media and caused a public outcry. This followed another truck crash that claimed 20 lives in Phongola last week Friday.



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The National Traffic Act imposes a duty on truck operators to conduct their business “with due care to the safety of the public.” It further states that “the operator of a vehicle shall exercise proper control over the driver of such a motor vehicle to ensure compliance by such driver with all relevant provisions of this Act.”

Failure by operators to properly carry out their responsibilities as imposed by the Act lead to conviction and sentence.

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