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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**TO: ALL NEWS EDITORS**  
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**ATTENTION: NEWS REPORTERS / TRANSPORT REPORTERS**

**RTMC INITIATES INVESTIGATION INTO THE BUS CRASH ON R61  
ROUTE IN THE EASTERN CAPE.**

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The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) has sent a team of crash investigators to the Eastern Cape to establish the cause of the major collision that claimed the lives of 11 people over the weekend.

The crash happened when a long-distance bus and a minibus crashed on R61 between Flagstaff and Lusikisiki on Sunday afternoon.

The bus is alleged to have been transporting 18 occupants, while the minibus was transporting 16 occupants towards Lusikisiki when the crash occurred. Eleven people ( nine adults and two children) died on scene and 15 were injured.



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The crash investigation team is expected to reconstruct the crash scene and conduct a full mechanical investigation on both vehicles to establish the main factors that possibly contributed to the fatal crash.

The RTMC sends its heartfelt condolences to the families, friends of the deceased and wishes a speedy recovery to those who are recuperating in hospital from the injuries suffered.

**ENDS.**

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