

MEDIA STATEMENT

Tuesday, 14 February 2023

MEC RADZILANI SADDENED BY AN ACCIDENT THAT CLAIMED 20 LIVES IN MAKHADO

The MEC for Transport and Community Safety in Limpopo, Mme Florence Radzilani, has expressed shock and sadness, at the news of an accident that happened on the N1-29 stretch, next to the HF Verwoerd Tunnel, which claimed a total of 20 lives.

She has also sent a message of condolences to the families of the deceased, and comfort to the survivors.

The accident involved a bus that was transporting passengers from Makhado Town to areas around Ndzhelele, Siloam and Tshikombani, in the Vhembe District.

According to reports, a truck that was overtaking another vehicle lost control and collided with the bus. The bus fell into a bridge, and 19 people died on the scene.

Paramedics and rescue personnel were able to retrieve 19 bodies from the crash, and the 20th person lost their life in hospital.

Scores of injured people had been taken to various hospitals, for varying degrees of injuries.

Police divers have been dispatched to the scene, to verify that no one has been swept by the river.

The MEC will today, 14 February 2023, visit various hospitals to check on the survivors of this horrific crash.

End.

Media enquiries:

Mr. Vongani Chauke

MEC's Media Liaison Officer

072 742 7575

060 806 1378

Ms. Tidimalo Chuene Departmental Spokesperson

082 831 0227

Issued by the Department of Transport and Community Safety