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PREMIER DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA CONVEYS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF 14 VICTIMS OF TWO TRAGIC ROAD ACCIDENTS

Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has conveyed her heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the 14 people who tragically lost their lives in two separate road accidents that occurred on Saturday, 18 July 2026, in the Sekhukhune District.

According to a preliminary report from the South African Police Service, the first accident occurred on the R555 road between Stoffberg and Rossenkraal in the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. The collision involved a Volkswagen Polo, a Toyota Quantum combi and a truck. Five people were tragically declared dead at the scene.

The second accident occurred on the D4370 road between Phokwane and Mamphogo Village in the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. It involved a Volkswagen Polo and a Toyota Tazz, claiming the lives of nine people, four occupants of the Volkswagen Polo and five occupants of the Toyota Tazz.

In the two accidents, six other people sustained injuries and were transported to nearby healthcare facilities for medical treatment.

The South African Police Service has indicated that these details are based on preliminary findings and investigations are continuing to determine the circumstances and causes of both accidents.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of 14 lives in these two horrific accidents. Every life lost on our roads is a painful reminder of the devastating impact that road crashes have on families, communities and our province. On behalf of the Limpopo Provincial Government and the people of our province, I extend my deepest and most sincere condolences to the bereaved families. We share in your grief during this difficult time and pray that you find strength and comfort as you mourn your loved ones. We also wish those who sustained injuries a speedy and full recovery," said Premier Ramathuba

The Limpopo Provincial Government will continue working closely with law enforcement agencies and all road safety stakeholders to strengthen efforts aimed at reducing road fatalities and promoting responsible road user behaviour across the province.

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