



**PRESS RELEASE**

**To : All News Editors**  
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**Attention: News Editors**

**RTMC Investigating weekend crashed that claimed 16 lives**

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**Gauteng -:** The Road Traffic Management Corporation is investigating a spate of major crashes in which 16 people died this weekend. Drunk driving is suspected to have played a key role in many of the crashes.

A driver of a sports Corsa utility vehicle was arrested this morning (Sunday, 9 July 2017) after crashing on a group of men in Ransburg, Gauteng. Four people were killed and five seriously injured. The driver is suspected to have been driving under the influence of alcohol. He is expected to be charged with culpable homicide and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Six more people were killed in KwaZulu Natal when two vehicles collided on R102 near Phoenix in Durban on Saturday night. Two people sustained injuries from the accident.

Another crash involving driving under the influence of alcohol is under investigation after a South African Police Service vehicle collided with another vehicle in Mpumalanga province on Friday night. Six people were killed.

It is alleged that the SAPS vehicle, driven by a police captain with his spouse as passenger, collided with another vehicle at Mayflower and Dundonald.

The vehicles were travelling in opposite directions. It is alleged that the driver of the other vehicle was driving while under the influence of alcohol. The captain and his spouse taken to hospital with injuries.

Two other people sustained serious injuries.

Meanwhile the driver of a truck that was involved in horror crash that claimed 18 lives last week is expected to appear at the Belfast magistrate court Mpumalanga on Monday morning (10 July 2017).

The Mozambican is expected to be charged with 18 counts of culpable homicide after the truck he was driving collided with a minibuss and midibus that were transporting mineworkers to work.

Six of the deceased were buried over the weekend in Machadodorp. The other people are expected to be laid to rest in the Eastern Cape, Limpopo, the Free State and Gauteng.

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