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FATAL CRASH CLAIMS TEN LIVES ON THE R39 IN MPUMALANGA

The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) has noted with deep sadness a fatal road crash that occurred on Thursday, 21 May 2026, at approximately 05:15 on the R39 between Standerton and Morgenzon in Mpumalanga. The crash occurred when a minibus taxi collided with a bus head-on.

The collision resulted in ten (10) fatalities, including the driver of the taxi. The deceased comprise nine males and one female. Two (2) people sustained serious injuries, while the driver of the bus suffered slight injuries.

The RTMC extends its heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of those who lost their lives in this tragic crash. We wish the injured a speedy and full recovery.

The cause of the crash remains unknown at this stage and will form part of an ongoing investigation by relevant authorities.

The RTMC urges all road users to exercise extreme caution on the roads, particularly during early morning travel, and to obey all traffic laws to help prevent further loss of life.

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