

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### MINISTER NZIMANDE PASSES CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF IKHALA TVET COLLEGE EMPLOYEES

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, passes his condolences to the families, friends, colleagues and fellow students of the Ikhala TVET College on the passing of five (5) staff members (three staff members and 2 interns) who were involved in a car crash, that happened yesterday, the 27th July 2022.

Their vehicle was involved in a crash with a truck as they were driving towards the Aliwal North Campus.

The deceased were driving a College vehicle from Ikhala TVET College Central Office to do some work at Aliwal North Campus of the College.

It is reported that all five (5) of them were certified dead on the scene by the medical and emergency personnel.

The names of the deceased are Monwabisi Siwa - Senior Exam Officer, Christina Tingashe-Caba - Secretary to the Deputy Principal Academic Services, Melisizwe Manzi - Intern in the Office of the Principal, Bukelwa Baleka-Intern in Corporate Services, and Yandiswa Cwayi- Intern at Ezibeleni Engineering Campus.

Minister Nzimande said this unfortunate incident happens at a time when the Department of Higher Education and Training is holding an inaugural two-day TVET Colleges Strategic Industry Partnerships Summit which aims to foster dynamic and strategic partnerships between the Department, TVET colleges and the Industry.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased at this difficult moment,” said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande has directed Higher Health to join the management of the College in providing the necessary psycho-social support and comfort to the family and immediate staff members of the deceased.

May their soul rest in peace.

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