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RAF DEVESTATED BY LONG WEEKEND ROAD FATALITIES

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The Road Accident Fund (RAF) has quickly stepped in to ease the pain of families and relatives following several tragic deaths in car crashes on South Africa’s (SA) roads over the long weekend. According to the Road Traffic Management Corporation, at least 35 people died, the highest fatalities being in Maphalle, Limpopo, when 24 people – the majority of them being youth – were killed after a head-on collision between a bus and a minibus taxi.

RAF Acting Chief Executive Officer, Lindelwa Jabavu-Xingwana, will join the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, and other officials during a visit to the crash site this morning. Meanwhile, RAF personnel have already begun identifying the deceased, and engaging the police and hospitals to start processing the necessary funeral benefits, medical support, and compensation for those who qualify.

The RAF sends its heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of those who died. It is unfortunate that negligence has once again resulted in so many fatalities, and road users are urged to be more vigilant to stop this growing scourge which continues to have an adverse impact on the SA fiscal.

For more information on how loved ones can access the Fund’s assistance, please call the RAF Call Centre on 0860 23 55 23 from Monday to Friday, 07h45 to 16h00. Help will be provided in any of the 11 South African languages. You can also follow us on social media: Twitter: @RAF_SA; Facebook: Road Accident Fund; and Instagram: RAF_ROAD.
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