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MEC RADZILANI VISITS THE SCENE OF THE HORRIFIC CRASH IN WATERBERG.

Limpopo MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Florence Radzilani has visited the crash scene of the bus accident that claimed the lives of the 45 people, who were reportedly travelling to Moria, for the Easter weekend church service.

The MEC attended the accident scene, along the R518, at the Mma Matlakala Bridge - between Marken and Mokopane, together with the Minister of Transport, Sindisiwe Chikunga, on Thursday, 28 March 2024.

The two were scheduled to conduct a Road Safety Operation at the Kranskop Toll Plaza, when they received the devastating news of this horrible accident.

The bus had a total of 46 people on board, including the Driver. It has a Botswana registration number, and a process to confirm the citizenship of the victims will only commence, after the foreign missions of both South Africa and Botswana had verified their citizenships.

Only one child, an 8 year-old, survived the accident, and is receiving medical attention at a nearby hospital.

According to reports, the driver lost control, and the bus fell onto a rocky surface, some 50-metres under the bridge and caught fire.

Rescue operations continued until the late hours of Thursday evening, as some bodies were burned beyond recognition, others trapped inside the debris and others scattered on the scene.

End.

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