

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA demands urgent road safety reform following tragic death of doctor in Mpumalanga
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) mourns the untimely death of a highly respected healthcare leader, Dr Siphon Nanku Mahlangu who lost his life in a catastrophic multi-vehicle collision on the N4 highway near Malelane in Mpumalanga on 27 September 2025.

The collision, involving a bakkie, a sedan, and a heavy-duty side-tipper truck, once again exposes the grave dangers on South Africa's roads. Despite the rapid response of emergency services, Dr Mahlangu tragically succumbed to his injuries. His passing represents a devastating personal loss to his family and a profound blow to Mpumalanga's fragile healthcare system. Dr Mahlangu embodied service, excellence, and unwavering dedication to the people of Mpumalanga. His death is a stark reminder that unsafe roads are stripping communities of leaders, professionals, and breadwinners at an intolerable rate.

The PSA demands an uncompromising, transparent investigation by the Department of Community Safety, Security, and Liaison, together with law enforcement. This must not be another routine inquiry. It must produce binding, enforceable reforms that address reckless driving, inadequate road governance, and the unchecked dangers posed by heavy-duty trucks.

Mpumalanga cannot continue to bury its best and brightest because of preventable carnage on national roads. Dr Mahlangu's death must be a turning point, and not another statistic lost in the archives of state inaction. The PSA extends the Union's sincere condolences to Dr Mahlangu's family, colleagues, and community. In his honour, the PSA will intensify its Zero Tolerance Road Safety Campaign, mobilising workers and communities to demand accountability and safer highways. Mpumalanga needs decisive enforcement, radical reform, and immediate protection of lives on the roads.

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