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#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## <u>SUBJECT: CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY AFTER</u> HEAVY RAINS

The Roads Authority (RA) hereby informs the public that some roads in the southern part of the country were damaged after heavy rains during the past two days. Therefore, all motorists are kindly requested to exercise extra caution and be vigilant during their journeys in the southern part of the country, as there could be road damages, which the RA is not aware of yet.

Our maintenance team is working around the clock to inspect and assess the conditions of the roads and ensure that warning signs are erected. Hence, all road users are again reminded to comply with the installed warning signs for their safety.

#### **CURRENTLY THE KNOWN AFFECTED ROADS ARE:**

B1 route (Trunk Road TR 1/2): From Grünau to Keetmanshoop

TR 1/2 at kilometer (km) 121 near Guruchab River Bridge, the eastern road shoulder has been extensively damaged. The road is open to traffic and road signs have been erected to warn the road users about the damaged section. The road is narrow, kindly exercise extreme caution.

Main Road 27 (MR 27) or tourist Route C16: From Keetmanshoop to Aroab

Main Road MR 27 has been damaged at several places with the southern lane washed away at some spots, the road is currently only accessible by 4x4 vehicles. Small vehicles owners are advised to avoid travelling on this road until further notice.

# • Main Road 22 (MR22) & District Road 271 (D271): Gravel roads from Noordoewer to Karasburg

MR 22 and D271 are both temporarily closed to traffic due to serious wash aways at river crossings and a collapsed culvert on MR 22. Roads users from Noordoewer to Karasburg are urged to use the tarred road via Grünau.

Hom River Bridge in warmbad on District Road 210 (D210)

D210 is temporary closed to traffic due to the damage to the bridge near Warmbad.

The RA will update the nation on the conditions of roads in the southern region on a daily basis via its Facebook page (Roads Authority Namibia) and other media platforms.

The public is also requested to report any road damages to their nearest Roads Authority Office or send an email to <a href="mailto:pr@ra.org.na">pr@ra.org.na</a>.

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