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Ministry's reaction to the accident in which two tourists lost the lives

The accident in which two tourists lost their lives in the south on the 24th April 2024 while on holiday in Namibia is regrettable and unfortunate.

We understand that the circumstances that led to the accident are still under investigation by the Namibian Police, however provisional police reports indicate that one of the buses involved in the accident heading in the direction of Walvis Bay from Windhoek experienced brakes failure, causing the driver to lose control and bumping into a stationary pick-up bakkie with no occupants and finally into an oncoming tourist bus which had 32 occupants on board. Fortunately, no one of the 32 tourists were injured, however, and regrettably, two out of the 22 tourists on the other bus succumbed to their injuries, while the rest sustained moderate to serious injuries. The deceased are Portuguese nationals aged 69 and 72 years respectfully.

Namibia has embarked on a national tourist safety awareness campaign that seeks to strengthen national efforts in ensuring that tourists and all other visitors are safe whilst on their well-deserved vacation in the country. Namibia values the safety of her citizens and motorists including that of tourists and visitors. The country recognizes that tourism is an important economic sector to Namibia and the safety of all visitors is our priority. We maintain that, our tourists must only have the best holiday experiences that the country has to offer.

Though accidents happen, we implore on the investigation team to conclude their investigation as soon as possible, in order to ascertain the exact cause of the accident. This will help bring about closure to the families of the deceased.

Finally, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the tourism sector at large, we wish to express our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and wish a quick recovery to those that sustained injuries in this accident.



We further appeal to our tour operators and drivers to always be cautious at all times taking in to consideration the different types of terrains they operate in.

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