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Media Statement

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The Ministry of Health is saddened by the death of two Cuba based medical students

The Ministry of Health has learned with shock and sadness about the passing on of two of the final year Cuba based South African medical students. We are informed that students had hired a house for a birthday party. The two students who drowned and died in a swimming pool are Sihle Cebo Makhaye and Sibusiso Thanks Ngeleka, both from KwaZulu-Natal.

The Minister said "Our hearts and thoughts are with the families, relatives, colleagues and friends of the deceased during this darkest hour. We express our sincere condolences".

The Department of Health in KwaZulu-Natal is arranging trauma counseling for members of the family.

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