

***Meru, Kenya, January 10 (Infosplusgabon) - Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta ordered the Police on Tuesday to resume the management of traffic and transport operations which have been under the management of the National Transport and Safety Authority.***

The announcement followed a series of road accidents which have caused the death of over 300 people in in recent weeks.

Kenyatta said the move is aimed at curbing road accidents that have increased in the recent past, claiming the lives of many Kenyans.

He assured that the Government will continue scaling up its efforts to boost road safety.

“Today, I want to announce that as Government we have decided that all NTSA officers should now leave the work of managing traffic on our roads to traffic police to ensure order in the management of traffic,” President Kenyatta said.

President Kenyatta, accompanied by Deputy President William Ruto, spoke at Maili Tatu in Meru County at the funeral service for three bishops of the African Independent Pentecostal Church of Africa (AIPCA).

Bishops from Meru, Eastern Kenya – Philip Kubai, chairman of the AIPCA B Synod from Ntonyiri Diocese, Moses Ntoeruri of Igembe Diocese and Stanley Karuru from Igembe Central Diocese – died on 29 Dec in a road accident at Wamumu in Mwea, Kirinyaga County.

President Kenyatta called on all Kenyans to also play a part in reducing road accidents by observing traffic rules, ensuring their vehicles are in good condition and rogue drivers are reported to the authorities.

“Even as the Government takes measures to stop the senseless deaths on our roads, all Kenyans have a role to play in supporting that effort,” President Kenyatta said.

He also paid glowing tribute to the departed bishops, saying their death was a big blow and loss to their families, the church and the Christian fraternity, according to a State House statement.

## **Kenyatta orders police to manage road transport after rise in traffic crashes**

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