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Minister Sisulu cautions tourists as flood continues to wreak havoc in Mpumalanga and the Eastern Cape

Tourism Minister Lindiwe Sisulu has cautioned tourists to be vigilant and obey instructions from law enforcements agencies, as floods continue to wreak havoc in Mpumalanga's Kruger National Park and parts of the Eastern Cape.

Heavy rains in parts of Mpumalanga have lead to the closure of four camps in the Kruger National Park (KNP). The Lower Sabie, Crocodile Bridge, Biyamiti and Talamati camps are not accessible due to flooding.

After Thursday's update on road closures, the South African National Parks (SANParks) said some camps and roads in the southern part of the KNP remain closed.

"It is important for all tourists in and around Mpumalanga and Komani areas in the Eastern Cape to be cautious, especially when traveling at night and when crossing low lying bridges," Sisulu said.

She further cautioned tourists to drive safely, while SANParks has advised guests not to use gravel roads and stay on tar roads.

About 1 000 people, including 120 children and 24 infants, are housed at different community halls around Komani as a result of these floods.

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