

Dubai traffic prosecutors to get tougher on unsafe drivers

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- Vehicles changing lanes with merging traffic after coming out of an underpass on Shaikh Zayed Road. Officials plan to take stern action against reckless drivers.
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Dubai: Dubai traffic prosecutors are sternly determined, as part of their strategic goals, to prosecute reckless and unsafe drivers and reduce fatal accidents across the streets of the emirate.

Dubai Traffic Public Prosecution's (TPP) strategic goal between 2010 and 2012 is to empty the roads, as much as possible, of inattentive drivers who cause fatal accidents because they will eventually face charges and traffic trial, said Chief Traffic Prosecutor Salah Bu Farousha, head of TPP, on Saturday.

Accusation

His announcement came shortly after four drivers were accused of hazardous driving and causing three fatalities and 10 injuries in three separate accidents recently.

The four defendants [Emirati, Jordanian, Iranian and Sudanese], according to Bu Farousha, have been referred to the Dubai Traffic Court of First Instance where they'll be prosecuted soon.

"Our investigations unveiled that the four defendants [aged between 19 and 55] were found at fault and responsible for the deaths and injuries.

"We questioned the suspects, witnesses and traffic experts who prepared accident reports. We handed the traffic court a copy of the reports, prepared by Dubai Police's technical committee, for accidents and forensic evidence reports concerning the three accidents..." Bu Farousha said.

The first accident occurred when one suspect swerved suddenly to the right and rammed into a car which, according to Bu Farousha, was unnecessarily and dangerously parked on the shoulder of the road.

The accident led to a woman's death and three injuries.

In the second accident a cyclist died after a negligent driver unexpectedly veered to the right and hit the bicycle. The driver fled the accident scene without rendering medical care to the cyclist who succumbed to his injuries.

Negligence

A truck driver, who caused the third accident, hit a number of cars and killed one passenger and injured six others. Inattentiveness and failure to keep a safe distance were the main causes of the accident, said Bu Farousha.

"We are very strict and inflexible when we have deaths resulting from dangerous accidents. We won't spare any effort to preserve the safety of road users and their properties as well," added the Chief Traffic Prosecutor.