

# Five die after SUV rams truck left parked in middle of road

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- The wreck of the sports utility vehicle that smashed into a truck left unattended on Dubai Bypass Road. The driver of the truck has been detained for failing to follow safety rules, police said.

Dubai: A driver has been detained for negligently leaving his truck parked on Dubai Bypass Road's third lane and causing the death of five persons.

The victims, all Iraqis – three sisters from one family and a 13-year-old boy and his elder sister from another family – were traveling to Sharjah on Sunday evening when their sports utility vehicle (SUV) crashed into the truck's rear, according to the Chief Traffic Prosecutor Salah Bu Farousha, Head of Dubai Traffic Public Prosecution.

The truck suddenly ran out of diesel and its driver, who has been detained provisionally until further investigation, parked it unsafely in the middle of the road without using hazard lights or warning signs, said Bu Farousha.

According to Colonel Dr Mohammad Nasser Abdul Razaq, Deputy Director of Criminal Investigation Department for police station affairs at Dubai Police, the accident, which was reported 11:30pm, was so 'horrific' that they had to use hydraulic equipment to extricate the five bodies and to reach the injured.

“Onsite inspections revealed that the SUV’s Iraqi driver drove inattentively and failed to apply the brakes before he rammed into the truck’s backside...the impact veered the SUV to the fourth lane before a heavy trailer came behind and hit it.”

Assistant Chief Prosecutor Mohammad Al Nuaimi, who conducted the onsite investigation, ordered that the Asian truck driver be detained until further investigations. The driver has been detained due to his negligence and for failing to follow safety rules by parking the truck safely by using the hazard lights or the warning sign, Bu Farousha said.

The bodies of the four Iraqi women, aged between 21 and 33, and the teenager will be handed over to their families.

The SUV’s driver and another female passenger, who were critically injured, were airlifted to Rashid Hospital for treatment.

The five victims were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.