

# Four killed, 38 injured in Musaffah bus accident

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Abu Dhabi: Four people were killed and 38 were injured in a bus accident in Musaffah Sunday morning.

The Pakistani bus driver and three Indian workers who were passengers in the bus were the victims. All those injured were Asian nationals. At least one person was seriously injured in the accident. The accident happened when a bus transporting workers rolled over, according to a police official.

The incident took place under the Shaabiya bridge on the way leading from Musaffah to Abu Dhabi City.

"The police control room was alerted about the accident at 3.40am. The bus driver and two passengers died on the spot", Lieutenant Yousuf Ebrahim Al Bahlooly at the traffic police said in a statement.

Preliminary reports suggest speeding caused the accident, he said. Ambulance and rescue teams were dispatched to the scene immediately, he added.

Dr Jihad Awad, Head of the Emergency Department at Al Mafraq Hospital, said that the hospital received 28 patients in all from this accident.

"One person died on the way to the hospital and another one has been seriously injured with a fracture in his spine," he said.

While the seriously injured patient remains in hospital the other 26 patients were discharged yesterday after being treated for mild abrasions and contusions.

Captain Mohammad Za'abi of the police called on the public to give way to ambulances at all times.

He asked drivers, especially of buses which transport workers during early hours, to drive within specified speed limits and to be cautious.