

Heavy Duty Drivers Scare Capital's Female Motorists

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ABU DHABI - A group of female motorists expressed dismay over the misconduct of drivers of public buses and trucks on the road, especially when they change lanes in a dangerous way and by not keeping a safe distance between vehicles.

This was in response to a poll conducted by the Department of Technical Affairs and Security Information at the office of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, as part of the traffic police's safe distance campaign.

Lt. Colonel Hamad Al Ameri, head of Traffic Intelligence, Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at the Abu Dhabi Police, said the federal traffic law provides protection for light vehicles in case of accidents caused by trucks.

He said trucks and public transport buses were prevented from plying internal roads at rush hours. They were ordered to drive on the right lane and overtake only when the road is clear.

Overtaking by truck drivers is one of the dangerous offences and could result in impounding of the vehicle for two months, withdrawal of the driving license for three months and 24 black points on the driver's traffic file.

An Emirati motorist, Dr Turfa Al Sheryani, said some motorists don't respect the traffic rules like driving their cars in breakneck speed, wrong overtaking and moving from one lane to another causing confusion to women motorists.

Maryam Al Fazari, another Emirati motorist, noted that slow driving by women stems out of their fear on the road. She added that motorists who overtake at high speed at areas where there are no traffic radars cause others to panic.

MKS, a Lebanese motorist agreed, saying truck drivers travelling at high speed and overtaking in a wrong way put the lives of other road users in danger.