

Oman: Number of road accidents down

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MUSCAT -- The weekly bulletin of the Directorate-General of Traffic indicates that the number of road accidents came down remarkably last week. The 165 road accidents, which happened between June 5 to 11, caused the running down of 22 pedestrians, but only six people died, 213 others sustained various injuries.

The traffic department also answered 85 distress calls involving road accidents in Muscat and Dhofar governorates and the Batinah, the Dakhiliyah and the Sharqiyah regions.

In the accidents, 13 people sustained serious injuries and they were rushed to hospital by the ROP ambulance units.

In the meantime, the ROP fire brigades doused 61 fires which broke out in the governorates of Muscat and Dhofar, the Batinah, the Sharqiyah, the Dakhiliyah and the Dhahirah regions.

In a tip to the public about ways to avoid the breaking out of fires, the ROP advises that no waste of plants should be left in a farm or near a house; caution should be exercised when burning debris; importance of attending to fires as they burn waste and the need to avoid lighting fires during winds.

The Civil Defence teams also gave support to the road rescue squads by transporting the dead and the injured.

The Civil Defence also handled 50 cases of people drowning. These included a 60-year-old man who drowned on June 10 in a falaj in Kahnat area in the Wilayat of Ibri and an 18-year-old woman who fell in a pond in Misfat al Abriyeen, Wilayat of Al Hamra, on June 12 as she was tending after a herd of goats.