

Two Emiratis arrested over SZR stunts

Dubai police charge two Emiratis with endangering the lives of others.

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A group of reckless drivers have been caught on camera deliberately spinning and skidding across the highway. (YOUTUBE)

Dubai police has arrested two daredevil drivers who were filmed performing dangerous stunts on Sheikh Zayed Road.

An online video posted on YouTube and circulated heavily on social networking sites such as Facebook led to a police investigation. The video clip shows a pick-up truck intentionally spinning and skidding across the highway, and a four-wheel drive zig-zagging through traffic while balanced on two wheels. The video clip shocked the residents of Dubai.

"Sheikh Zayed Road is a vital road in Dubai, and these cars were not only endangering the lives of other but blocking traffic as well," said Major General Khamis Mattar Al Mazeina, Deputy Dubai Police Chief.

The two Emiratis in their early twenties face up to three years in prison and fines if convicted. Police told the media this is the first time a road safety offence, normally dealt with under traffic law, has been considered for criminal prosecution.

"This affects the UAE's image negatively because many people commented that this is an example of how people drive in Dubai. Which is not true," Al Mazeina said.

The incident took place on May 1 during a celebration convoy after the Al Wasl football club won a tournament.

"Skilled drivers should go to designated race tracks on and off-road. They should not use the city's streets to show their skills and put the lives of others at risk, even for a few seconds," Al Mazeinah said.

The police investigation revealed that an unidentified number of cars blocked Sheikh Zayed Road by driving at low speed while the two drivers performed their stunts. Police are searching for two accomplices who helped to block traffic.