

Two drivers killed on the spot after trailers collide

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Abu Dhabi: Two drivers were killed in a horrific accident on Sunday evening as two trailers collided head on along the Al Ain-Abu Dhabi route, Abu Dhabi police said.

Both drivers were Pakistani nationals.

The trailers were travelling in opposite directions – one was going towards Al Ain while the other was returning from Al Ain to Abu Dhabi.

“Preliminary investigation report shows that one of the trucks swerved on to the wrong side of the road and the second truck coming in the opposite direction crashed into it,” a traffic police official, who declined to be named, told *Gulf News*.

Both the drivers died at the scene, within their vehicles.

The accident took place around 5:30pm, according to an eye witness.

“The accident took place close to a diversion for road works,” he said.

Due to the impact of the collision, construction materials – which were being transported in one of the trailers – were strewn across the street bringing traffic to a standstill for some time.

The traffic was restored after police cleared the debris off the streets.

In a statement issued on Monday, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Ahmad Al Mazroui, head of the roads section at the traffic police, appealed to truck drivers to abide by the law and not drive into the wrong side of the road in order to avoid such disasters.

“Commit to the speed limits set by the law at all times and be attentive while driving,” he said.

He also reminded motorists of the need to wear seat belts, avoid overloading vehicles, refrain from talking on mobile phones while driving and ensure the tyres are in good condition.