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# «Social Media Websites»

Social media websites constitute a part of the communication system among institutions, individuals and other sectors. In light of the continuous technology evolution, Man made a quantum leap in the world of communication which has made the world almost a small village. Internet has spread throughout the globe opening doors to cultures, customs, traditions and the community's nature of life. World Wide Web Evolution has passed through several phases characterized by marked developments in its use in variety of useful fields, which makes it easier for individuals and researchers to provide information and obtain the public and private sector's services easily.

The United Arab Emirates have uniquely used the internet for the purposes of providing services to citizens and residents through the web according to the best international standards in this field in a safe manner. This usage is carried out in a manner that matches the e-government strategy at the federal level in order to enhance the infrastructure of the federal government authorities, and to raise the e-transformation readiness of the services provided by the government to the public in order to ensure the provision of developed and effective government services, which can be easily obtained via internet.

In this context, the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police has broadcasted awareness messages through social media websites. Through such messages, the Directorate warned against driving vehicles for long and continuous periods exceeding four hours, and from exceeding the speed limit allowed on roads. The Directorate called for not violating the red signal and not writing and sending text messages while driving in order to avoid accidents.

The Directorate also indicated to vehicle drivers through «Abu Dhabi Traffic Accident Reduction Program» on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube that the maximum distance for continuous and safe driving must not exceed 300 kilometers and invited them to pay attention and follow up these instructions for their own safety.

The Directorate used social media websites in order to warn against traffic light violation, and its risks, which may cause painful accidents resulting in death or serious injuries, and that changing signal light to yellow does not mean increasing the speed of the vehicle to exceed it, but reducing speed to stop. The Directorate's tweets warned against the danger of talking on the phone or writing text messages while driving as such acts distract the driver.

Content enrichment on social media websites and raising the general awareness are among the most important objectives that shall be focused on by the institutions and agencies concerned with awareness via «Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube» through simplifying the awareness topics which deal with many social phenomena, a part of which being handled by police, such as traffic awareness, crime control, drug combating and others.

We hope that society members use social media websites optimally and get to know all that is new and useful.



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## Phone Use While Driving

Using a mobile phone while driving a vehicle leads to the occurrence of grave accidents which may result in serious fatalities and injuries. This is significant due to the fatal risk it may shed on the driver and others. Phone use occurs despite the police's repeated warnings to drivers not to use phone while driving their vehicles in order to avoid accidents. Additionally, police tries to tighten control and organizes awareness-raising campaigns to introduce the negative impact and gravity of such act on people's lives.

According to studies, accident probability increases to more than four times for drivers who use their phones while driving, as this contributes to losing control over the vehicle. This happens because using phone while driving and the wheel may distract attention, slow reaction to on-road random incidents, leaving no distance between one vehicle and the one driving ahead, the difficulty of driving the vehicle in one lane, and sometimes running red light.

Moreover, studies have proven that using phone while driving a vehicle is equivalent to driving under the influence of liquor and alcohol. This constitutes a great danger to public safety which must be known to all drivers to be more committed to traffic laws and regulations and especially to refrain from using phones while driving.

This matter requires caution and consideration while driving a vehicle in order to be safe. If any driver received a phone call while driving, he/she must stop in the designated place, use (the phone), reply to the received message within a very short period, or postpone the response until arriving at the place of destination in order to avoid accidents and endanger their lives and the others.

Using handsets while driving is one of the main distractors to the hearing sense. Risk doubles when using the touch sense and looking at the phone while writing the message. This leads to dispersion in the attention, and a lack of occupancy of look and touch senses for a few minutes in a manner contrary to the rules of safe driving. (Drivers should hold the steering wheel with both hands).

We invite everyone to cooperate and work as a team to address the phenomenon of using a mobile phone while driving in order to preserve public safety through expanding the awareness and recognizing the dangers associated with it and be bound by traffic laws and regulations.

Editor in Chief

*Lieutenant/ Jamal Salem Al Amrey*



During his lecture at the Faculty of National Defense

## Saif Bin Zayed: Leadership and People's Solidarity is our Major Ground for Homeland's Stability



His Highness in a Group Photo with Class One Students

Lt. General Sheikh Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, stressed that the unique solidarity existing between the people of the UAE and the wise leadership is the major ground of our present achievements of unparalleled progress, welfare, security and stability. HH indicates that the responsibility of achieving a comprehensive security in order to be permanent in the homeland is not exclusively limited to military and police institutions, as all civil and private sectors are involved in this matter, pointing to the importance of permanent and effective coordination between these various components to achieve the overall objective.

HH delivered a lecture about national security in Abu Dhabi National Defense College, in the presence of a selected group of army and police senior officers, led by Lt. General Hamad Mohammed Thani Al Rumaithi, Chief of Staff of the armed forces, Lt. General Saif Abdullah Al Shaafar, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, Major General Nasser Lkhreibani Al Nuaimi, Secretary-General of the Office of the Deputy Prime



His Highness Writes a Memorial Speech on the Guestbook

Minister and Minister of Interior, Major General Aviator Rashad Mohamed Salem Al-Saadi, Head of the National Defense College; and a number of assistant undersecretaries, directors-general of the Ministry of Interior as well as college students.

Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister expressed confidence that this college (National Defense College), and its honorable supreme council headed by HH Lt. General Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, will inevitably be one of stability, security and

prosperity tributaries achieved by the wise leadership of the State's President HH Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, «May God protect him» the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, along with his brother, HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai «May God protect him».

HH said: «I am glad to see today one of the fruits which has instilled by the Leader in the homeland, by watching this excellent academic edifice with its outstanding activity in order to provide modern skill and knowledge to a selected group of our homeland from various sectors and entities. This academic edifice habitates and refines students to be at the forefront of the nation. They are protectors who are able to identify and assess the challenges of the national security, jealous on its pride and glory, guarding its people's security and prosperity, defenders of the homeland's purity and its shining flag to be bright all over the State.

HH said a historical introduction, in which he stated the most significant developments and stages undergone by the concept of national security. HH explained and analyzed the most important opinions uttered by experts and specialists in this field. HH also addressed the major international events that have positively and negatively influenced and affected this concept.

HH touched on a range of issues related to the concept of national security, such as its importance, pillars and strategy dimensions, societal perception to its nature, ways to promote values of loyalty and belonging to the homeland, and to maintain its achievements, gains and supreme interests by HH's extrapolation to the generality of the local scene and the highlighted challenges and hopes to be dealt with by the officials in order to ensure a bright future for the people of the UAE, in which they enjoy more progress and welfare.

After the lecture, HH replied to several questions and inquiries asked by students who have shown a remarkable response to such issues. A clear discussion was carried out about the stated ideas and issues.

Besides, Major General Aviator Rashad Salem al-Saadi, Head of the College, welcomed HH visit and described it as evidence on the leadership's care about



His Highness Receives the College Shield

its staff and a sign of following up on their scientific progress and knowledge achievement. The Major General stressed the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior's high vision and experience in the security field's contribution to the development of the educational curriculum framework for students. Such accumulated experiences also help them in the completion of their research on a broader and deeper basis.

At the end of the visit, HH and guests toured the college facilities, as he viewed the teaching and training rooms. HH received the college shield from the college's Head. Afterwards, HH wrote a memorial speech on the guestbook and took commemorative photo.

HH the State's President «May God protect him» issued a decree of the Federal Law No. 1 of 2012 concerning the establishment of the National Defense College, to be affiliated to the General Command of Armed Forces headquartered in Abu Dhabi in order to complete the system of development work by significantly contributing to the development of the UAE nationals in order for them to be provided with the latest techniques of Military Science. Through this, the College seeks to keep pace with the achieved development sectors in the State along with other targets.

It is noteworthy that the college, which is the latest in this field, has welcomed its first class on by Mid-August. A preliminary program has been prepared for the students before the study, which began by early September. Class one comprises 30 students enrolled from various local and federal places whether military or civilian.



## Air Patrols to Monitor Roads and Arrest Traffic Law Violators in Abu Dhabi



Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police in cooperation with Aviation Department has started air patrols to monitor traffic flow, arrest violators, monitor illegal gatherings and reckless youth's dangerous shows, arrest them and take the necessary action within the framework of traffic safety strategy of Abu Dhabi Police in order to create safer roads and reduce all reasons that lead to traffic accidents and its results of fatalities and serious injuries.

Air patrols carry out overflights to monitor the traffic in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, take photos of the violators and their violations and locate traffic jams in order to help traffic patrols to be present in

time, and ensure the smooth flow and organization of traffic on internal and external roads in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Air patrols' tasks also include following-up unnumbered vehicles or vehicles with forged numbers and communicating with traffic patrols to seize those vehicles. In addition, air patrols carry out day and night overflights to monitor the reckless youth's places and photo them to be arrested for their safety and to reduce the risk, which may be resulted from dangerous car shows and the resulting traffic accidents. This may lead to injuries or deaths among them or affect other road users.

It is worth mentioning that the aircrafts of air traffic surveillance are provided with modern equipment of thermal imagers in order to be precise and clear in different weather conditions, in addition to night imaging feature, through which traffic law violators can be photographed and the reckless can be monitored and arrested by the traffic investigation.

The aircrafts broadcast live image to the central operations room at General Command of Abu Dhabi Police during the mission. The communication takes place between the operating room and the aircraft via a device called (TETRA) to deliver the aircraft to the specified place easily. The thermal imager assists the nocturnal air patrols.





## Tahnoun Bin Mohammed Participates with Abu Dhabi Police in Students' Safety Campaign in Al Ain

HH Sheikh Tahnoun Bin Mohammed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in the Eastern Region, participated in the activities of Abu Dhabi Police Campaign, under the slogan (safety of students is everyone's responsibility), by distributing traffic school gifts that contain awareness speeches and tips for students about the golden rule for the use of the school bus, during his visit to Bawadi Mall in Al Ain.

Brigadier Engineer Hussein Ahmed Al Harthi, Director of Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate, said that the participation of HH in the activities of « safety of students is everyone's responsibility», supports the role played by Abu Dhabi Police to improve drivers behavior and contribute to enhancing the traffic awareness to provide traffic safety for students during the new school year.

HH added that such events come in line with the strategy of the General Command of Abu



Dhabi Police and the external communication methodology within the plan implemented by the «Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate» in order to generalize traffic culture thus contributing to strengthening the role of the community to provide traffic security.

Al Harthi explained that traffic awareness programs organized by the branch of public relations at Al Ain Traffic Department comes as part of the attention paid by the Directorate to the necessity of interacting with the various segments of the local community in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain City, especially a class of students during the new academic year.

## Abu Dhabi Community Police Organizes Awareness Activities for School Students

**Abu Dhabi Community Police carried out awareness activities for school students and parents, including updates and instructions developed by the educational authorities in Abu Dhabi Education Council.**

Community Police cooperates with these bodies through field visits, during which a series of awareness lectures are held, in addition to distributing brochures and booklets, containing tips and instructions educating students on the systems and behaviors to be followed within the school and during getting in and off the bus, besides committing to the rules during arriving and delivering

them from school to home and vice versa.

Lieutenant Colonel Mubarak Bin Mahiroum, Directorate of Community Police, said that these awareness activities, which are organized annually, aim to educate students and parents about all the developments that occur on the educational and organizational process in schools.

He stated that these awareness activities include a series of lectures provided by Community Police in order to stress the necessity to comply with the rules, to be quiet during getting in and off the bus, to avoid violence with each other while participating in school activities, to



Lieutenant Colonel Mubarak Bin Mahiroum

maintain school tools, to commit to the study, to avoid absence and to respect school's teachers and administrative bodies.

## Three Deaths and Four Injured in 51 Motorcycle Accidents in 8 Months in Abu Dhabi

# Al Harthi: Community-Based Programs to Enhance Traffic Culture among Youth

Brigadier Engineer Hussein Ahmed Al Harthi, Director of Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate, stressed the efforts carried out by the Directorate in the context of a priority to provide traffic safety and prevent our children from the dangers of using motorcycles on the internal and external roads and sandy areas, exposing them to grave traffic accidents, resulting in deaths, injuries and disabilities preventing the victim to perform his/her natural role in society.



He called motorcycle users to adhere to safety procedures in order to protect themselves from injuries resulting from its accidents, which are 35 times higher than the injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents. He also called for wearing a helmet to protect themselves from head injuries, to wear cycling custom clothing for their protection, and to ensure the safety of the motorcycle and the validity of the front and rear lights, tires, the existence of first aid kit and light-reflective stickers, the following is the interview text:

### • What are the rules of driving motorcycles?

According to the provisions of UAE Federal Traffic Law No (21) of 1995 and its amendments, motorcycle driving license may not be granted for those who are less than 17 years. A motorcycle user shall put a helmet on his head while on the road.

### • What are the violations and penalties prescribed by law for motorcycle drivers?

- Confiscation of the licensed motorcycles in the event of driving thereof without being numbered on the roads.
- Confiscation of the desert bike in case of driving thereof on public roads and neighborhoods.
- Confiscation of the motorcycle in case of repeating violation of driving recklessly and frivolously and violation of escaping from the traffic cop.
- Transferring them to the judicial authorities

for committing violation of driving recklessly and frivolously and violation of escaping from the traffic cop.

### • During the current year, how many traffic accidents caused by motorcycles in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi?

The number of traffic accidents caused by motorcycles as of 1 January to last 31 August is about 51 traffic accidents, varied between crash and deterioration accidents.

### • How many deaths caused by motorcycles and what are the leading causes of accidents?

Motorcycles resulted in three deaths and four serious injuries. Among the most prominent causes that led to the occurrence of such accidents are: sudden deviation, lack of familiarity with driving, speed without monitoring the road, jumping red light, lack of leaving enough distance, entering main road without making sure of its availability, negligence and lack of attention.

### • How many violations that have been made for motorcycles over eight months as of 1 January to the end of last August in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi?

The number of violations that have been committed by bikers over eight months as of 1 January to the end of last August in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi is about 1872, most prominent of which are:

- 96 violations for not wearing a helmet;
- 300 violations for exceeding the allowed speed;
- 51 violations for driving a vehicle contrary to the direction of traffic;
- 18 violations for driving a vehicle causing noise;
- 42 violations for making changes in the vehicle's engine;
- 350 violations for exceeding wrongly;
- 7 violations for driving recklessly;
- 6 violations for driving a vehicle by way dangerous to the public;
- 15 violations for jumping red light.

**• Are there any measures taken by Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate in order to reduce motorcycles' violations?**

In the framework of the measures aimed at reducing all the reasons that lead to traffic accidents, the Directorate has applied Article No. (116), wrongly passing, which stipulates AED 200 for a violation and the motorcycle's detention for a week. These penalties have been applied for the gravity of the wrong passing on bikers themselves and all road users. Motorcycles' violations include passing generally or between vehicles while stopped at intersections, as well as exceeding between vehicles during the occurrence of traffic accidents.

**• What is the community-based role played by the Directorate to disseminate cultural awareness in order to reduce risks caused by the use of motorcycles?**

There are many community-based programs being implemented by Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate to disseminate traffic culture, especially among youth, through encouraging them to abide by traffic rules, to wear a helmet, speed reduction and other risks that cause traffic accidents for motorcycles of various kinds. Such programs being delivered as lectures in schools and universities, in addition to raising awareness through the media as the Directorate sends awareness messages and communicate with youth through Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate programs to reduce traffic accidents on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. The efforts also included the preparation of an awareness handbook about motorcycles includes



adequate information about the types of motorcycles, their own safety procedures and how to deal with it.

**• Where are the places in which desert bikes prevented in Abu Dhabi?**

The places where desert bikes prevented in Abu Dhabi include residential and industrial neighborhoods, main and interior streets in Abu Dhabi, areas near military zones, nature reserves and marked places.

**• Where are the places in which desert bikes permitted?**

Places that are identified by the competent departments;

- Such as the sandy areas in Bani Yas, Al Falah and Al Wathba (non-residential areas);
- Such as the sandy areas in Al Khatm and Al Wathba (non-residential areas);
- Such as the sandy areas in Al Khazna and Al Wathba (non-residential areas);
- Such as sandy, uninhabited and far from residential areas.

**• What are your tips to bikers?**

Comply with the required conditions of driving a motorcycle by wearing a helmet, which helps to avoid dangerous head injuries, wearing eyes protective glasses, which protect the eyes, while driving motorcycle, against dust, volatile stones and insects, wearing gloves to protect hands, wearing shoes of desert bikes to protect the legs and wearing desert bike custom clothing. The motorcycle must be comprehensively examined by checking engine oil, front and rear brakes, lamps, transmission and tires to avoid malfunctions during use.



## Partnership Agreement between Al Hosn Gas and the Emirates Foundation for Youth Development

On September 2013, Al Hosn Gas signed a two-year partnership agreement with the Emirates Foundation for Youth Development. As per the agreement, the company will provide financial support to the Foundation's initiatives and programs, which aim to inspire and guide the youth in the UAE, help them develop their leadership skills and effectively contribute to the development of their community. The agreement embodies the belief of Al Hosn Gas in social responsibility, and in its role as a national company serving the community by supporting the Foundation's various programs and events.



The partnership agreement was signed by Mr. Saif Ahmed Al Ghafli, CEO of Al Hosn Gas, and Mrs. Clare Woodcraft, CEO of Emirates Foundation, in the presence of members from Al Hosn Gas management. The team included Mr. Ali Murshed Al Murar, Senior Vice President – Administration, Mr. Jasem Al Nuaimi, Senior Vice President – Corporate, Mr. Sami Eissa Al Zaabi, Vice President – Human Capital, and Mr. Faisal Al Ali, Corporate Communication and Public Relations Manager.

Mr. Saif Ahmed Al Ghafli confirmed that Al Hosn Gas and the Emirates Foundation will enhance their relationship by sharing knowledge and experiences related to the development of the youth in the UAE. They will work closely to create a positive change in the community, provide volunteering opportunities

and training programs to develop the youth's leadership capabilities. Mr. Ali Al Murar talked about Al Hosn Gas's interest in the Foundation's programs, especially those tackling the basis of emergency response in order to support the health, safety and environment requirements.

For her part, Mrs. Clare Woodcraft expressed her appreciation to Al Hosn Gas for supporting and boosting the Foundation's CSR programs. "The signature of this agreement comes within the framework of building a strong base for partnerships with government institutions," she said. "This will enable them to participate in supporting our foundation's goals to create a positive change in the lives of youth in the UAE, by developing sustainable long-term social programs," she added.

## Al Hosn Gas Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation

Al Hosn Gas and Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation signed at the end of August a three-year Memorandum of Understanding at the company's headquarters in Abu Dhabi. Under this MoU, Al Hosn Gas undertakes to allocate an annual cash contribution to support the Foundation's projects at the local and international levels, and to sponsor its seminars held on the development of charitable and humanitarian activities.



In return, the Foundation will support the programs presented by Al Hosn Gas and notify the beneficiaries, participate in the company's social programs and activities and provide the necessary support to enhance the company's efforts and projects related to corporate social responsibility.

The MoU was signed for Al Hosn Gas by Mr. Mohamed Saif Al Suwaidi, Vice President- General Services, and for Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation by its Director General, HE Mr. Mohamed Haji Al Khouri, in the presence of Mr. Saif Ahmed Al Ghafli, CEO, Mr. Rick Callahan, Senior Vice President – Development, Mr. Sami Eissa Al Zaabi, Vice President – Human Capital, Mr. Humaid Al Ali, Vice President – Information Technology and Mr. Faisal Al Ali, Corporate Communication and PR Manager.

Mr. Saif Ahmed Al Ghafli said that, despite being young, the company supports social activities in the country, which are performed by outstanding charitable organizations to promote a culture of giving that serves a large segment of the society. He expressed hope that the sponsorship of Al Hosn Gas will contribute to promoting the charitable and humanitarian efforts in order to realize aspired achievements.

On his part, Mr. Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi said that, through sponsoring the projects of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation, Al Hosn Gas emphasizes on its social responsibility as a national company that endeavors to serve the community. Sponsorship

comes as the embodiment of the company's role in supporting humanitarian and charitable activities of the UAE and furthering the Foundation's efforts in spreading the culture of giving and goodwill in the country.

HE Mr. Mohamed Haji Al Khouri stated that, by this MoU, Al Hosn Gas undertakes to support the humanitarian programs of Khalifa Foundation, especially those related to Emirati families, which are offered particular attention within the Foundation's programs. He also called on state institutions to support the vital humanitarian project implemented by Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation to serve Emirati families and encourage them to productive work, especially in the preparation of Iftar meals in Ramadan, in which all family members take part.

The memorandum stipulates the cooperation between the two parties through the establishment of joint activities that will benefit the local communities and raise awareness of charitable and humanitarian community issues, as well as the development of the partnership and exchange of experiences in accordance with best practices in the areas of management, research and studies, and the continuous coordination between the two parties in order to boost the implementation of agreed programs and activities, with periodic evaluation of the cooperation process and mutual reporting thereon to ensure improvement.

## SAAED Association Participates in Abu Dhabi Show and Motorcycles Parade



**SAAED Association for Prevention of Traffic Crashes, in the framework of the strategic partnership with the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police and the methodology of community outreach, participated in Abu Dhabi International Motor Bike Festival that has been organized recently, which contributes in raising the level of traffic culture among users of bikes, and reduce traffic accidents caused by them.**

Lieutenant Colonel Jamal Salem Al Ameri, Executive Director of the Association, stated that the Association participated in the Festival, in partnership with the Directorate, by organizing an exhibition for traffic awareness in order to ensure the display of motorcycles of Abu Dhabi Police and the desert bike (Polaris), in addition to awareness booklets to contribute in raising the level of traffic culture.

Al Ameri added that (SAAED) also participated in the motorcycles parade, which was attended by nearly 400 riders from United Arab Emirates, Sultanate of Oman and Gulf Cooperation Council Member States led by sports vehicles of Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate, including (Nissan), (GTR) and (Chevrolet Camaro).

Al Ameri said, through Abu Dhabi International Motor Bike Festival, it is necessary to abide by the conditions required for driving motorcycles, which are to protect the head by wearing a helmet, which helps to avoid dangerous head injuries, wearing eyes protective glasses, which protect the eyes, while driving motorcycle, against dust, volatile stones and insects.

He stressed the need to wear gloves in order to protect hands, wear custom boots for desert bikes to protect legs, wear custom clothing lining by thighs and legs protector, which protects from the heat of the bike's motor. The motorcycle must be comprehensively examined by checking engine oil, front and rear brakes, lamps, transmission and tires to avoid malfunctions during use.







Led by the Sports Vehicles of Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate and Patrols Directorate

## Motorists Participate In a 400 Motorcycle Parade in the Capital City

The Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate's sports vehicles led a motorcycle parade, which was recently organized in the capital city of Abu Dhabi as part of the Abu Dhabi International Motorbike Show. Approximately 400 motorists from the United Arab Emirates, Sultanate of Oman, and other GCC countries participated.

The Directorate's Protocol and Traffic Control Section's motorcycles displayed a variety of formations during the parade, in addition to accompanying the parade from the front, the back, and the sides. The ambulance of the Abu Dhabi Police's General Directorate of Central Operations followed the parade, which began at Al Samha and went through Yas Island and the Corniche Road to end at the Marina Mall, to provide support when necessary.

Major Khalid Al Fil, Head of the Community-based Initiatives Team from the Department of Public Relations Section at Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate, said that necessary measures were taken during the parade including lane control and a traffic awareness lecture for the motorists before the parade's commencement. The awareness lecture urged participants to adhere to traffic rules, abide by the traffic lanes, follow the accompanying traffic patrols guidance, and enlighten them towards the resulting dangers due to reckless motorcycle driving and the need to be a role model for others. He wished everyone success.

He added: "The traffic patrols ensured that the participating motorists are abiding by the necessary precautions required of motorcyclists, which are to wear a helmet and protective clothing that helps to avoid dangerous injuries. Further requirements include wearing protective eyeglasses and observing safety procedures to prevent injuries from accidents.

The Traffic and Patrols Directorate, the Community Police, and SAAED Association, which aims to help reduce

traffic accidents, participated in the exhibition held in the Marina Mall. The exhibition displayed traffic patrol motorcycles. Awareness publications were distributed to visitors and special bulletins were given to people to spread awareness regarding the black point traffic system. The initiatives launched by the Traffic and Patrols Directorate were also promoted including its contribution to raising the traffic culture level among motorbike drivers and reducing traffic accidents caused by such vehicles in the context of the road safety strategy of the Abu Dhabi Police and the effective communications outreach targeting the community.

The Emirates Driving Institute also participated in the traffic exhibition with a special corner at the Marina Mall to inform the public about the company subscription protocols to obtain a motorcycle license highlighting that applicants must first open a file at the Vehicles and Drivers Licensing Department.

Khalid Al Mansoori, Business Development Department Manager at the Emirates Driving Institute, said that many facilities are being put forward currently for the exhibition. These facilities, which are available for a short period, are related to training, reservation procedures, and attending theoretical lessons. In addition, for the first time in the Middle East, the company provides advanced training for motorcycle driving through the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents in the UK.



## Community Police Spreads Awareness among Students and Bus Supervisors



Abu Dhabi Community Police department, in cooperation with Abu Dhabi Education Council and Emirates Transport, provided awareness for bus female supervisors working for the aforementioned school of how to maintain students safety and how to deal with them inside the bus and while entrance and leaving.

In the lecture entitled "students' safety is everyone's responsibility" organized at Al-Mostakbal school in Abu Dhabi; Major/ Ahmed Gharib AL-Mansoury-head of Awareness Department of the Community Police- dealt with subjects that focus on taking care of students from the moment of their entrance to the bus from the specified places and throughout their journey to the school. As well as dealing with students, making them aware of the right manners while seated and teaching them the best ways to line up and leave the bus.

He also referred to the importance of supervisors paying attention to the students in the bus and avoiding distraction. Moreover, he encouraged them to commit to ethics and master their job in educating students and teaching them the principals of ethics and good manners.

Sheikh Hassan Al-Dosoki called supervisors to prompt students to follow the best manners and ethics and adhere to rule and regulations that manage supervisors work inside buses in their capacity as guardians.

Based on this, Abu Dhabi Community Police department has provided awareness activities for students and parents including all developments and instructions set by the educational authorities in Abu Dhabi Education Council.

Community police cooperates with the said

authorities by conducting field visits. During lectures, a series of awareness lectures are delivered besides leaflets and booklets being published holding tips and instructions that introduce students to systems and manners that should be followed at school and during getting on and off the bus; in addition to commitment to the system during arrival and departure journeys between school and home and vice versa.

Lieutenant colonel "Mubarak bin Mahiroom"- director of the Community Police Department, said that the awareness activities that being organized annually, aim to educate students and parents with all the developments occur in the educational and organizational process at schools.

He stated that they include a series of lectures delivered by Community Police Department in order to introduce students to the necessity of commitment with rules and quietness during getting on and off of the bus, avoiding violence during participation in school activities, preserving school facilities and avoiding missing with it, abstaining from absence and respecting teachers.

On his behalf, Captain "Majid al-Tamimi"- director of the social relations branch of the Community police, said that awareness includes urging parents to follow up their children necessarily and communicate with their schools in order to complete the educational process between school and home.



**Organized by SAAED  
Association for Prevention of  
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with Directorate of Traffic  
and Patrols and Abu Dhabi  
Education Council as part of  
“students’ safety is everyone’s  
responsibility” campaign**



## **students benefit from 37 traffic awareness lectures in Abu Dhabi 2587**

Lieutenant colonel “Jamal Salem Al-Ameri”- Executive Director of SAAED Association for Prevention of Traffic Crashes- explained that traffic awareness programs conducted during the last September were aimed at students, drivers and school buses supervisors; in addition to educational and administrative associations. The programs included lectures and field visits in Abu Dhabi to about 25 public and private schools where students of all different grades made benefit of them.

Al-Ameri said that focus in the lectures was on training students to apply the golden rule while getting on the school bus and urging them to refrain from riding bicycles and playing football on the roads so as not to be subject to run-over accidents let alone the distribution of gifts and traffic brochures among the students.

Al-Ameri highlighted the attention paid by SAAED Association for Prevention of Traffic Crashes to involve all segments of society in the efforts made and to strengthen the role of the school, parents and educational and administrative authorities to contribute in achieving traffic safety to protect students from traffic accidents during the new academic year.

He also stressed SAAED participation in the strategic partnership with Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police in the current year programs of traffic awareness conducted in Emirate of Abu Dhabi. A program that includes many initiatives and traffic programs in different schools in Abu Dhabi that require organizing about 200 lectures for students,

drivers and school buses supervisors and printing 150 000 awareness brochures that include brochures, coloring books in addition to traffic gifts that include pens, school bags and other school tools.

On his behalf, “Salem Al-Nahdi”- official at SAAED Association- explained that association is focusing through the programs it provides within the framework of Community outreach methodology on the principals of traffic safety as in crossing roads, using the seat belts, and applying the golden rule of the school bus. Moreover, educating drivers and all segments of society thereby contributes to strengthening the role of society and educational sector and field in achieving traffic safety.



## Abu Dhabi Police Calls Disabled To Register and Update Their Data through Service of «5999»

Abu Dhabi Police calls disabled to register and update their data at Zayed Higher Organization for Humanitarian Care and Special Needs in order to be entered in the system of text messaging service project (5999). The service shall enable disabled people to ask for help through reports sent to the operating room in case of them facing any accidents or seeking help around the clock.

The General Command of Abu Dhabi Police has launched the service on the number (5999) to receive reports from special needs people through SMS technology associated with an «operating room» in coordination with «Zayed Higher Foundation» for Humanitarian Care and Special Needs.

During the first half of the current year, Abu Dhabi police operation room has dealt with 100 reports from special needs people via text messages on «5999» and has provided the required services by them.

Lieutenant Colonel "Nasser Al-Maskari"- Director of Operations at Abu Dhabi Police- said that the

project of «5999» service is one of many projects to communicate with people in this category in case of accidents or emergencies. The service contributes in developing police work and meeting the needs of the beneficiaries.

He also stated that coordination has been established with Zayed Higher Organization for Humanitarian Care and Special Needs on regard of preparing the system requirements that correspond with different categories of special needs to conform to their needs. Design has been made in collaboration with the Departments of Information and Communication Technology along with licensing mechanisms and drivers and linking it with (5999) service for text messages in the central operations room to deal with the reports received from special needs categories in order to provide them with assistance.

He said that the project complies with marketing of services methodology and aims to contribute in its improvement and development besides speeding communication with special needs categories and meeting their needs; in addition to speeding the arrival of police officers and



Lieutenant Colonel "Nasser Al-Maskari

ambulances to the event site and giving priority to reports of this category.

Moreover, he explained the way of communication with users through sending a text message «SMS» on the number «5999» to report accidents and sickness cases provided that type of report, its location, type of injury are stated. Then, Operating Room receives messages through special program dedicated for this purpose provided with database including all categories of special needs people registered at Zayed Higher Foundation for Humanitarian Care and Special Needs. Meanwhile, Operating Room deals with reports by classifying them to «criminal or traffic» reports, ordering the patrol to go to the event site and taking the necessary measures.



Advanced services operations room around the clock

## **SAAED company Contributes In “Students’ Safety Is Everybody’s Responsibility” Campaign and Helped Organize Traffic In Front Of Schools**



**SAAED Company For Traffic Systems has distributed brochures to spread traffic awareness and has also contributed in organizing traffic in front of the schools as part of students’ safety is everyone’s responsibility” campaign which was launched by the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police which is hereby contributing in achieving traffic safety for students.**

Engineer “Ibrahim Raml”- the executive director- stressed that SAAED company within its strategic partnership with the Directorate, is keen to establish the concept of traffic safety through conducting integrated programs to raise awareness. It is also keen to exploit all means and modern techniques to provide traffic safety for students to support protecting them from all traffic accidents they may encounter during the new academic year.

He called vehicle drivers to contribute in the exerted efforts to provide traffic safety for students by adhering to the law of traffic and the scheduled speeds, standing in the safe places for boarding and leaving from the bus

and bus drivers and supervisors committing to apply the golden rule in using buses and avoiding boarding students more than defined.

He urged parents and emphasized the importance to educate students how to cross the road safely, stand in the designated areas to board into the bus, avoid standing in the dangerous areas while awaiting and abiding by sitting children under the age of ten in seats allocated for them and not the front ones.

He affirmed the importance of bus drivers adhering to traffic regulations and rules, paying attention while approaching rallying points, only move after making sure of all students

boarding and leaving and watching them crossing the road to their homes or schools. Moreover, it is necessary to adhere to the scheduled speeds, avoid stopping suddenly, always take care of bus maintenance and make sure of the availability of all means of safety and comfort.

He also referred to the importance of the supervisors’ presence in buses boarding young children. As well as the importance of children leaving the bus in front of their homes to avoid getting them cross the road in front of or behind the bus, as the case will be if leaving took place in the other side to the students’ homes.



## **Apprehend a Vehicle with Forged License Plate in The Western Region Violations 580 Committed By The Driver of 459 Thousand AED**



At the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police, Traffic Investigation seized «SUV» vehicle loaded with forged license plates for the driver to deceive RADAR. The driver committed more than 580 violations of traffic law with fines value estimated about 459 thousand dirhams according to Colonel "Hamad Nasser Al-Balushi"- Director of external areas Department at the Directorate of traffic and patrols at Abu Dhabi Police. The colonel said that he has turned the vehicle driver to the judiciary to take necessary action in his concern and that the vehicle was detained.

He added that necessary measures had been taken to seize the vehicle. By following up images at the side of Road Surveillance Branch «radar» at the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police, a mismatch was noticed between the numbers of license plates held by the same vehicle with the same specifications. It was found latter that the said vehicle has committed violations of speed in the Western Region, and the images were then turned to the Traffic Investigation to take the necessary measures.

He pointed out that the Directorate has initiated forming of a working group of Traffic Investigation Branch personnel in the Western Region search, investigate and seize the driver for violating traffic law

by attaching forged license plate the vehicle in order to deceive radar devices and evading his responsibility for it. Traffic Investigation traffic managed to arrest the drive, who lives in one of the Western region cities.

He warned vehicle drivers who distort or blur or change data of the license plate, or synthesize or imitate them. All are considered as violation to provisions of the traffic law and who commit them shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dirhams, or by any of these two penalties. He stressed that traffic Surveillance is intensive on the external roads to arrest vehicle drivers who blur or change features of their license plates to deceive radar devices.

In order to cut off these violations, he pointed out that the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police in collaboration with the Aviation Department ordered air patrols to take off to arrest drivers who blur their license plates, attach forged ones. In addition to trace down illegal gatherings and dangerous shows of the reckless youth, arrest them and take the necessary towards them as part of the Traffic Safety Strategy of Abu Dhabi Police to make roads safer and reduce causes lead to traffic accidents resulting in deaths and serious injuries.

## To Protect Students from the Dangers of Traffic Accidents

### «Students' Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility» Campaign

#### Focus on Concerting Efforts to Raise Awareness

The Interior Ministry confirmed through the General Traffic Coordination Department that the fourth campaign to raise awareness of traffic entitled « Students' safety is everyone's responsibility» will continue for three months as part of traffic sector initiatives.

The ministry had launched the campaign in coincide with the beginning of the new academic year «Back to School» to urge the society to concert efforts to raise awareness of traffic accidents, adhere to traffic rules among school students, especially children, and maintain students safety and save them from road dangers.

The campaign is a translation of the strategy of the Ministry of Interior that arises from the strategy of the federal government and guided by directions of the police department to attain the highest levels of traffic safety for all. This comes as part of the Strategic Plan of the traffic sector at the Ministry of the Interior to promote road safety and reduce traffic accidents and incidents of ran over.



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Students safety is everybody's responsibility

Colonel "Nasser Ahmed Al-Hosni"- General Director of the General Traffic Coordination Department on behalf of the Ministry of Interior, said that school students of different age segments are considered one element of human development, which must be maintained. He pointed out that despite taking all precautions to protect students from all dangers, there is still a need for more education

and guidance to all parents and people concerned with protect their children from road hazards.

He stated that the General Traffic Coordination Department at Ministry of Interior carry out the campaign in cooperation and coordination with the Traffic & Authorization Department, the Ministry of Education and Emirates Transport, Roads and Transport Authority in Dubai and other authorities

concerned with traffic safety in both public and private sectors. The General Traffic Coordination Department supports these initiatives to create a safe atmosphere and environments and roads free of accidents.

The campaign aims to educate the parties involved in the process of students transporting and it is also concerned with the necessity of family education and spreading traffic culture among children and urging them to abide by it.

## **Asked Drivers to Reduce Speeds at Intersections Abu Dhabi Traffic: Cams on Traffic Lights Detect Violators by «Infrared» without Flash**



The Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police declared that the installed cameras to monitor violators of traffic laws at intersections of Abu Dhabi city use high technology and work efficiently using infrared beam without «Flash». The cameras capture footage of violations of the red light, cases of exceeding scheduled speeds, improper use of the motion paths, parking vehicles over zebra crossings, vehicles violations at intersections and other vehicles totally turning or moving into the lanes on the left other than the allocated ones.

According to Brigadier Engineer "Hussein Ahmed Al-Harhi"- Director of the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police, the surveillance system at the intersections in Emirate of Abu Dhabi is considered an integrated project that aimed to improve traffic safety at intersections. Within a period of five years, surveillance cameras were installed at more than 150 intersections in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and the Western Region. He also explained that the first stage of the project included installation cameras at 40 intersections in Abu Dhabi.

Moreover, he warned of the dangers resulted from some drivers exceeding the scheduled speeds while being preoccupied using the phone. He said that these mistakes result in material and human losses, pointing out that the priority to pass is for those who get the green light signal. On the other hand, he urged other drivers to wait until the signal turn to green.

He explained that the traffic control system at intersections in Emirate of Abu Dhabi is one of the modern traffic systems with the ability to conduct an ongoing assessment of the engineering status of the intersections and their impact on the traffic safety

and traffic accidents. The system is also characterized by linking with systems of reports, text messages and changing messages on the road.

He emphasized that the project represents one of the most important projects to improve traffic safety (Engineering - Awareness - Control - Evaluation - quick response) on the roads and intersections in Emirate of Abu Dhabi is an integrated project includes all the elements to improve traffic safety or what is known by Es5 in addition to integrity of all elements «Integration»

"Al-Harhi" said that traffic surveillance cameras at intersections stand out as high thermal quality «triple Jobs» cameras. The cameras cover more than five lanes in each direction besides carrying out several functions, including read all license plates of the passing vehicles, identify the number of passing vehicles and categorizing them, read the average speed of the street, recognize numbers and directions of pedestrian while the traffic light is green and red.

He emphasized that the Directorate is exerting great efforts to reduce traffic accidents and the resulting deaths and serious injuries cases through intensive traffic control and installation of modern automatic control systems on the internal and external roads in Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Along with intensifying traffic awareness through «MAAN» Abu Dhabi Traffic program on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, spreading traffic culture through the media, organizing lectures, enhancing communication between all society segments and prompting all road users to abide by traffic law.



# Deaths in 6 Months Resulting of 24 External Roads Accidents in Abu Dhabi

24 people were killed and 33 others were seriously injured in 157 traffic accidents took place on the external roads in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; «Abu Dhabi, UAE - Abu Dhabi, Al-Ain - Abu Dhabi, Al-Sila», «during the morning and afternoon in the first half of the current year. This was due to traffic density caused by drivers while traveling between their works and homes during rush hours, according to Colonel "Khamis Ishaq Mohammed"- deputy director of the Directorate of traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi police.

He attributed increase in number of traffic accidents on the external roads to a bunch of reasons. The most important was density of traffic on those roads during the rush hours in the morning and at evening resulting from movement of large numbers employees and workers living outside the city of Abu Dhabi into it to go to work; then returning to their homes every evening. Some of them drive at high speed under the pretext of arriving work on time and this leads to recklessness, exceeding scheduled speeds, driving in the wrong side of the road, jump lights and other dangerous violations.

He added that those traffic accidents varied in incidents between run over, crashes and



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over turn accidents; as well as they varied in reasons between sudden drifting, over speed, lack of commitment to the road line, negligence, lack of attention, driving under the pressure and tension and lack of deliberation and patience. All of the aforementioned make some drivers lose control of the vehicle and cause fatal accidents.

Colonel "Khamis Ishaq" urged employees living outside Abu Dhabi to move in some other homes near their work places in order to avoid troubles of daily commuting and driving for long hours under the pretense of

arriving on time for work daily. He also advised drivers who are forced for whatever reasons to drive long distances in the morning to their works to get out of homes early and allocate some extra time for their drive to reach work safely.

He called on companies work in transporting workers to comply with traffic rules, avoid driving too fast, leave proper safe distance with the preceding vehicle, abide by the allowed number of passenger, pay attention to the signs, avoid sudden drifting of the assigned lane or dangerous passing vehicles to shortcut distances in any manner whatsoever.

## United Nations Advisor Praises the Idea of the Office of Law Respecting Culture



**"Sultan Hamid Jasmi"- UN adviser in the state- praised the idea of establishing the Office of Law Respecting Culture as a pilot experience on the international level, which confirms the pivotal role, the state has been looking forward to achieve, both locally and internationally.**

This came in the framework of his meeting with the office team to examine Emirati experience in the field of legal culture and to establish legal awareness among individuals.

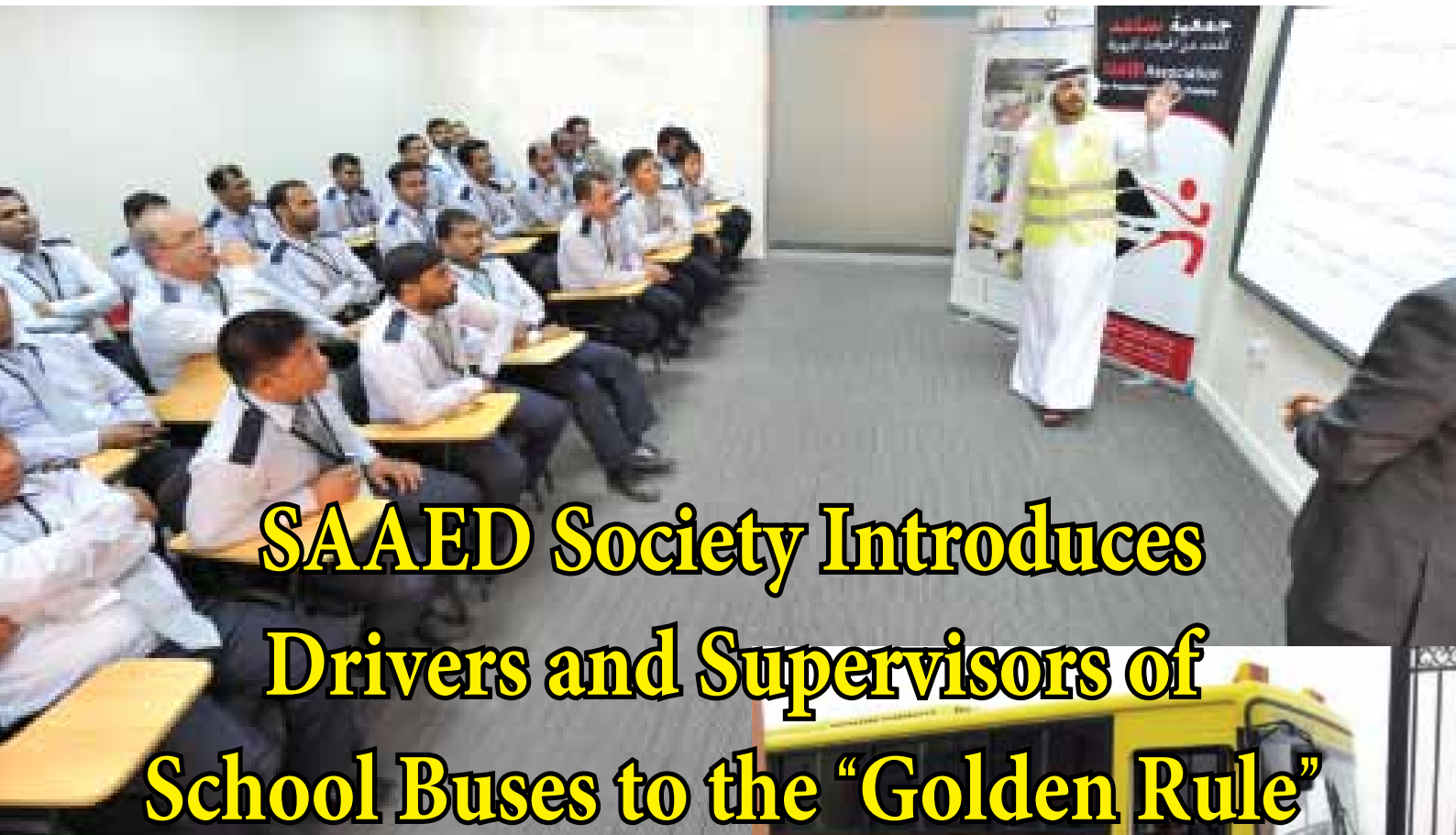
"Al-Jasmi" pointed out that this cultural experience clarifies the keen care of the official institutions of the State in the personal interest of the individuals. Whereas the said institutions did not only settle for issuing laws and amend them in line with the continuous developments of the communities; but also went beyond the approach of other developed countries and reached every individual and make him aware of the law principles applied to him. In addition to clarifying to him his rights and obligations in each legislative text in order to avoid accordingly any liability or legal responsibilities that may make him liable to penalty or punishment, which will impact his public life negatively. He stressed that the individual and everyone around him lies in respecting the rules and calling for doing the same.

Lieutenant Colonel Prof. "Salah Obeid Al-Ghoul"- the office director- gave a detailed presentation about the idea of establishing the office, which emerged from the deep insight of Lieutenant General Sheikh "Saif bin Zayed Al-Nahyan"- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior. Prof. "Salah" stated the fact that Sheikh "Saif" chose to activate the binding rule of law states that (No excuse for ignorance of the law) in order to avoid prejudice to the right of some people who did not receive an adequate share of education or culture. Accordingly, he issued his supreme directives

to establish an office competent to educate and spread awareness among society members from all segments and categories with all applicable laws in the state in all traded languages.

"Al-Goul" reviewed the objectives of the office aiming to raise the level of legal awareness and strengthen the culture of respecting the law through creating a sort of social culture among all society members of all ages and categories. A culture that believes in the importance and necessity of respecting the written laws (legislation) and the unwritten ones (like values and morals) for the essential and important role they play in saving their lives, ensuring their safety and keeping their rights and freedoms. All this is achieved through two steadfast approaches; the first is the legal culture that works on eliminating the legal ignorance. The second is the culture of respecting the law, which relies on creating a positive relationship between the individual and the law. "Al-Goul" stressed that ignorance of the law is one of the main reasons of individuals violating the laws. Therefore, conveying the legal message in a simplified and understandable way for as much as possible of society segments has become a social need to protect individuals from all potentials that can affect their behaviors to come in conflict with the deep rooted laws and values of the state, whether consciously or unconsciously.

Lieutenant Colonel "Hammoud Al-Afari"- the deputy director of the office, stressed that this visit is the beginning of the cooperation between the Office of the culture of respect for the law and the offices representing UN in the state. He added that cooperation with international organizations is a strategic objective of the Office, through which it seeks to deliver the culture view of the state and its institutions which strives to offer a quality services to the public.



## SAAED Society Introduces Drivers and Supervisors of School Buses to the “Golden Rule”

SAAED Association for Prevention of Traffic Crashes and the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police in coordination with Emirates Transport in Abu Dhabi introduced 700 driver and supervisor of school buses with rules of traffic safety. As well as, transport students securely during the new academic year as part of the traffic awareness programs of “students’ safety is everyone’s responsibility” campaign.

Mr. “Salem Al-Nahdi” - a member of the association-referred that lectures had focused on the need to adhere to Scholl buses specifications set by the Ministry of Interior and ensure its mechanical safety and equip it with all means facilitate transporting students securely.

He also added the lectures had included familiarizing drivers and supervisors with the golden rule of the school bus, which is “taking ten steps forward away from the bus when getting off the bus and avoid bending down the bus without the driver’s knowledge”. Additionally, procedures have to be followed when students get on and off buses and when approaching the rallying points or within campus or the residential



neighborhoods. As well as emphasizing the need to adhere to traffic rules and scheduled speeds.

He urged buses drivers and supervisors to abide by the full instructions of traffic safety for students, pay attention to the students of young ages, make sure they stepped off and got away from the bus and they are not standing behind or beside the bus before moving. Moreover, avoid siting more than one student in one seat and ensure bus air conditioning is working properly.





## Abu Dhabi Traffic: The Side Lane Is Assigned for Police and Ambulances

Colonel "Hamad Mubarak bin Osais Al-Ameri"- Director of the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police-stressed that the side lane of the road is considered as one of the safe paths that have been created to be used in emergency situations. In addition to provide high pathways for ambulances transporting sick and injured people in order to provide a better humanitarian services to them, as well as providing high pathways for civil defense and police vehicles.

He said that using those tracks by some vehicles drivers has led to

many dangerous traffic accidents, which resulted in deaths and serious injuries. That is because space of the side lane of the road is not intended for public use. He noted that in the case of traffic jam, drivers must be patient and hold on to his lane. He also explained that the driver passing cars preceding him using the side road lane is skillful and endanger his life and other lives as well.

"Al-Ameri" explained that passing cars through the side lane of the road are monitored by cameras to identify violators of traffic laws at the intersections of the city of Abu Dhabi. Moreover,



Colonel "Hamad Mubarak bin Osais Al-Ameri

violations of jumping lights, improper use of the pathways, vehicles parking on the zebra lines, vehicles exceeding the scheduled speeds, violations of vehicles at the intersections, violations of vehicles totally turning or moving into the lanes on the left other than the allocated ones. He noted that the financial fine for passing cars through the side lane of the road is 600 AED and 6 traffic points.

## (Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate) Honors a Prominent Officer



Brigadier Engineer Hussein Ahmed Al Harthi, Director of Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrols Directorate, honored Captain Salem Al Ali Al Ketbi, officer of training branch at Department of Al Ain Traffic Institute, in recognition of his excellence

and efforts in the field of traffic awareness.

Al Harthi stressed the attention paid by the Directorate to improve the performance and encourage human cadres to be a role model for other colleagues.

Al Harthi praised, during the honoring, which was attended by Colonel Hamad Nasser Al Balushi, director of the Foreign Areas Department in the Directorate, the efforts made by the honored officer; and urged him to continue in his excellence.



**During the meeting, Brigadier Zaabi**

According to Traffic Coordinating Committee in the Ministry of Interior, traffic accidents declined to 18.9% within the first 9 months of the current year, compared to the same period of 2012 at the State level.

The Committee discussed, at its seventh meeting of 2013 under the chairmanship of the Committee's Head Brigadier General Ghaith Hassan Al Zaabi, General Manager of traffic coordination at Ministry of Interior, the traffic situation. The Committee discussed the issue of mopeds and the accidents,

injuries and deaths caused by them as a result of the lack of requirements for security and safety and the way to find appropriate solutions to reduce such issue.

The meeting also reviewed the registration mechanism for locally manufactured and imported trailers and semi-trailers, small and large, stressing that the trailer should be within the limits of permitted dimensions and weights in accordance with the standards and laws adopted in the State.

## Traffic Accidents Decline to 18.9% within 9 Months in the State

# A Motivating Competition

## Abu Dhabi Traffic launches initiative to educate students



**Abu Dhabi Directorate of Traffic and Patrols launched the "Traffic Awareness for Students" Campaign to raise their traffic culture and awareness through a competition that serves the same purpose and includes all academic levels.**

The Directorate educated school students about the golden rule for the use of the school bus during the first week of the new academic year and urged them to make ten steps away when they get off the bus and to avoid bending down before or behind the bus without the driver's knowledge.

Lieutenant Colonel Jamal Salem Al Ameri, Head of Public Relations at the Abu Dhabi Directorate of Traffic and Patrols, stated that the awareness programs were intensively introduced during school hours through « Safety of Students is Everyone's Responsibility » Campaign pointing out that traffic awareness included two schools a day in Abu Dhabi during which messages are handed over to parents urging them to abide by traffic regulations in order to protect students from traffic accidents to which they are exposed.

He pointed out that the outreach program comprised many awareness initiatives sponsored by Al-Futtaim Motors throughout the year and are implemented through Abu Dhabi Traffic Program to Reduce Traffic Accidents «Together», on the social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Al Ameri urged parents of students who drive their children to school not to stand randomly in front of schools causing traffic jam and called for school bus drivers and supervisors to abide by the instructions of traffic safety, to stand at safe places for boarding and leaving buses and to avoid over-boarding students on school buses.

Captain Aisha Mohammed Al Zaabi, traffic awareness officer at the public relations department of the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols at Abu Dhabi Police, mentioned that the traffic initiative for students is a contest designed to engage and educate students through three different venues: a traffic research that includes a traffic movie prepared by students, a traffic photo album, and traffic publications. The second venue comprises an exhibition while the third includes providing an idea contributing to the education of students in schools.

Al Zaabi added that the Directorate broadcasted educational traffic movies on social networking websites focusing on traffic safety rules such as: crossing the road, usage of seat belts, the golden rule for using the school bus and traffic awareness messages over the radio to provide traffic safety for students.





**Saif Bin Zayed: HH Khalifa Bin Zayed Is Keen to Make  
our Country a Model for Modernity and Development**

# Abu Dhabi Traffic Authority Awarded Traffic Safety

HH HHH Lieutenant General Sheikh Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior asserts that country leadership, headed by HH Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the State, is keen to keep our state a model for modernity and development, HH leads us forward by HH support for excellence, make it a steadfast approach to cross for the future.

HH said in a speech after a ceremony to honor the winners of HH minister of interior reward for excellence, in its second session held yesterday afternoon in police officers club in Abu Dhabi "Excellence has become a matter of life and death of the contemporary world, to reach to a safer, stable and welfare life, noting that Emirates is granted a senior leaders, who always seek for uniqueness and hates to imitate or to ruminate, and so they do their best to improve governmental performance to serve people in all parts of the UAE."

HH added "yesterday I was attracted by the words of HH sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum vice president, prime minister, ruler of Dubai, that the ambition of the UAE is beyond what has been achieved so far, National key staff proved its efficiency and ability, today we reap the fruit of this confidence".

HH expressed his deep pride and honor with the winners' achievements, HH ordered to promote the winners' ranks to higher ranks, urging them to achieve more achievements and success, especially in program



of Sheikh Khalifa reward for excellent governmental performance in its coming sessions.

HH points out that the federal government does its utmost best to achieve the achievements of other states, by exercising a non-stop efforts lasted for hundreds of years of modernity and development, as we are seeking today to shorten these centuries in a few years, so each person of public service is demanded to do his best to achieve the requirements of this phase, by serious, excellent and creative work especially we are on our path to "a smart government", delivered its services to all people everywhere.

HH awarded leaders and public managements, excellent team works, excellent persons, creative winners awarded minister of interior award for excellence, partners, dealers and community individuals who contributed to achieve the targets of ministry of interior.

### **Abu Dhabi Police Award**

General command of Abu Dhabi police was awarded: partnership management, the best use for electronic services, governmental communication, creation management, green applications, technical team "excellent technical" catastrophes and disasters management.

Moreover, it was awarded customer service which went to Khalifa police station, in outer areas directorates, Bani Yas, police station, one of the outer areas police stations in Abu Dhabi police, was awarded for the comprehensive excellent police station, in the same time traffic directorate and patrols in Abu Dhabi was awarded safety traffic, Abu Dhabi airport police station was awarded security ports.

### **Dubai Police Awards**

General command of Dubai police: the corporate social responsibility, data and knowledge management, planning and performance management, safety and environment, the best experiment in the field of rehabilitation of prisoners, excellent team in development of services, excellent team in improving the internal performance for the general management for comprehensive quality and the excellent external corporate team for the general command for drug control.

General command of Sharjah police was awarded: the best excellent security area, victim care, whereas Ajman police general management was awarded the best leadership and satisfaction of personnel.

In the field of distinguished officers Dr. Colonel Ghaith Ghanem Al Swaidi was awarded first rank in general command of Dubai police in the field of supervision, Captain Rashid Shetate Al Shamsi, from Abu Dhabi general management was awarded in the field of technical engineering.

In addition to, Dr. Major Abdel Rahman Sharaf Mohamed, from general command of Dubai police was awarded in the field of specialization, while Captain Tarik Ahmed Al Sharhan Al Noeimi from general command of RAK police was awarded in the field of field work, whereas Dr. Major Jassem Mohamed Hassan from general command of Dubai police was awarded in the administration field.

### **Career Excellence category**

In the career excellence category for officers and

individuals, each of the following granted the first place : first police officer Mohamed Nasser Saleh from general command of Dubai police in the field of technical engineering, in the specification field first sergeant Saif Ahmed Mohamed from general command of Dubai police, in the field of field work, police first assistant Mohamed Hassan Al Nakaby from assistant agent's office for citizenship, residence and ports affairs, in the administration field first police officer Ibrahim Bu Hendy Al Hammadi from general command of Abu Dhabi police.

In career excellence category for civilians, Basim Faragallah Khalil from general command of Abu Dhabi police was awarded in technical engineering field, first expert professor, Sheikh Hassan Sankor, from general command of Dubai police was awarded in the field of specification, in the same time the qualified doctor Anas Nasr Mahmoud from General Command of Abu Dhabi police was awarded in the field of field works, Noura Jassem Alhoseiny was awarded in the field of administration.

While, the new employee category, Rudah Betty Beshr, from general command of Dubai police was awarded in the field of civil works, in the field of perfect mother first sergeant Aminah Mohamed Abdel Razek from general command of Ajman police was awarded first place.

### **Creation Category**

In creation category, Major Badr Ali Abu Samra, from general command of Dubai police was awarded for the idea of " balanced performance card for excellency " and Major Mohamed Betty Obeid, from general command of Sharjah police was awarded for the idea of "electronic employment by ID" first police officer Ahmed Ali Al Hantobi, Khaled Rashid Al Shamsi and Ahmed Abdullah Al Yamahy, who from AL Fujairah police for the idea of " smart traffic plate for the disabled " first police officer Hamid Mohamed Al Noeimi, from general command of civil defense for the idea of "folding hoses device : to facilitate firemen work .

In foreign awards category, Dubai international center was awarded perfect partner, in the same time Fairouz Hussein was awarded in the field of community service and the perfect driver was handed to Abdelzaman Sayed Waly.

## Abu Dhabi Police Launched «Road Has Ethics and Speed Has an Arena» Campaign

General command of Abu Dhabi police launched media awareness campaign entitled "road has its ethics and speed has its track "within current preparations for racing events "ITTihad biggest award FORMULA 1 2013 "in Abu Dhabi, that will be held from 13- November 2013 in Yas marina circuit.

Major general Mohamed Al Awady Al Minhali, director of police operation in Abu Dhabi police, said the media awareness campaign performed by security media department in the general secretariat for HH vice prime minister, minister of interior represented the modern approach led by HH Sheikh Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, vice prime minister, minister of interior by founding a developed concepts for police work in interacting with community.

HH announced launching a rally event in the campaign represented in establishing (van zoon) exhibition on Abu Dhabi Corniche exhibiting for culturing sessions in addition to self-mimesis which guides the visitors to safer driving methods in addition to "smart " vehicle to teach ten years old children, so far, traffic rules and safety, and to recognize parents



with the importance of using baby seats in the rear seats of the car, in addition to the importance of using safety belts .this event will be held from the next October 24th to November 2nd in the evening period from 5pm to 11 pm .

He asserted Abu Dhabi police permanent Awareness to communicate with various community classes and bodies, he explained that the campaign represented Abu Dhabi police interest to keep up with the event and to interact with the crowd and to make the best benefit of the rally events to communicate with all classes of community to encourage drivers to respect driving rules and to aware them with safer traffic rules according to traffic regulations.





# Urging employees to inhabit nearby their workplaces

## Specialists: staying driving for a long time results in stress

**Various socialists and psychologists consider driving for a longtime is one of the reasons that lead to attrition of physical and intellectual energy; in addition, it causes stress to the one who drive that reflects negatively on his career performance and treatment to his family members.**

professor Ghada Elsheikh, a social and family consultant in excellence center for consultancy and training – Abu Dhabi, explained that staying for a long time driving a car daily, not only cause attrition to precious time but it will cause attrition to health and physical fitness also, in addition to it will cause attrition to the vehicle driver's patience, it will cause him hypertension and dispersion.

She added: the daily traffic hardships, especially in rush hours will cause to a chronicle hypertension and exhaustion that is considered dangerous to the vehicle driver, it is the main cause to car accidents; we all agree that exhaustion is the main reason of accidents.

Professor Ghada asserts that living nearby workplace has many positive reflections on both the individual and community, represented in decreasing the number of accidents and so to reduce environmental pollution due to car fumes, as the number of cars using roads will decrease especially in rush hours, moreover to live near workplace will save time and effort and cause a positive reflection to the individual's psychological health.

Professor Maha Ahmed Abdel Halim , a psychiatrist at Zayed family welfare home asserts by her side that some people who are compelled to drive a car for a long distances and for a long time they feel exhausted and stressed due to hurry, either in the morning to reach their work or in the afternoon when they are coming back home, she explained that hypertension and stress will rise Adrenalin in blood, as the car

driver found himself compelled to carry out many tasks in a short time that not exceed 10 seconds, he thinks if he will late for work or he will reach on time, he thinks about the traffic peak hour and traffic signals, his ability to control his car speed, the matter that risen his hypertension that reflects on his health and his physical fitness and leads to chronicle organic diseases .



Professor Ghada Ahmed Abdel Halim asserts that living far from work place or the crowded traffic places will generate hypertension and cause dispersion to the driver's thought and will cause many traffic accidents, so it is preferred to live near workplaces, so as to decrease the driver's hypertension, in addition to it will decrease traffic accidents which are mostly fatal, as a result of exhaustion, speed and the non-care road surprises.





## Abu Dhabi Traffic Regulates Awareness Programs in Yas Marina Circuit

Abu Dhabi police traffic and patrols directorate regulates traffic awareness programs at Yas marina circuit in the media campaign launched by the general command of Abu Dhabi police under the slogan "road has ethics and speed has arena" in the current preparations for racing events "Etihad big award for formula one 2013" in Abu Dhabi, that will be held from November 1st to November 3th 2013 at Yas marina circuit.

Engineer brigadier general Hussein Ahmed Al Harthi the director of Abu Dhabi police traffic and patrols directorate at :the awareness programs focus on the slogan of Abu Dhabi police "road has ethics and speed has arena" appreciating the partnership with Abu Dhabi motor sport management and its cooperation in this field .

He states that the programs include dispatching traffic awareness brochures in Arabic, in English and Urdu by traffic awareness patrols in addition

to regulating for exhibitions and to send awareness messages through social media networks "Facebook, twitter and YouTube".

Al Harthi explains that awareness programs in Yas marina circuit represent traffic safety strategy to Abu Dhabi police to make roads safer and to treat one of the negative phenomena represented in driving on a dangerous speed and "racing on roads " he explained breaching of rules that leads to fatal traffic accidents that resulted in mortality and serious injuries .



He added: partnership agreement includes regulating a variety of programs that prepared to enable young drivers to develop their hobbies by using a scientific method to drive the vehicle safely and to aware them with the vehicle contents according to the authorized criteria that will lead to satisfy them, to dump their energies and to provide the appropriate and safer atmosphere to exercise this sport.

Al Harthi asserts that the directorate interest to prevail traffic education among youth and to make them know the danger of exceeding the allowed speed and racing on roads through the traffic safety strategy of Abu Dhabi police by regulating awareness lectures in schools and universities, in addition to communicate them through Abu Dhabi traffic program to prevent accidents "MAAN " "together " on the social medial websites "Facebook, twitter and YouTube " to promote their traffic behavior in addition to assign a special initiative for youth among the social initiatives ; it is the best young driver which aimed to encourage this category to abide with traffic rules .



Al Harthi urged parents to advise their children to abide with the designated speed and not to participate in dangerous shows or road racing in order to keep themselves safe and not to expose to traffic accidents, he hinted that in spite of the development in the field of transport and updated cars, it couldn't protects man's body from serious injuries in case of accidents.



## weather stations and five radars to forecast clouds and thunderstorm 56 National metrological center “fog affects visibility” severely, zero visibility caused when it is heavy

The national metrological and quake center used the most updated methods to assign and to know the weather condition in the state by using 56 weather station to superficial monitoring, located in all over the UAE to monitor weather elements every 15 minutes in 24/7, weather radar network constitutes of 5 radars and one movable radar monitoring the clouds, thunderstorms and the amount of rain in the UAE every 10 minutes, in addition to satellites stations to monitor clouds and dust movements came from everywhere towards the UAE and the hurricanes movement on the globe and in the UAE every 15 minutes .

SAAED obtained the center report concerning the formation of fog and the most updated methods used to monitor weather condition, to recognize the fog and not to drive the vehicle in case of lack of visibility to avoid accidents.

The center explained some terms that caused fog formation, it is: the wind must be calm, sufficient amount of water vapor must be available,” relative humidity in the air “, the air must be clear, happening of radiation inversion in the air nearby the surface of the earth and existence of stable anticyclone.

The center mentioned two kinds of fog that mostly happened in the UAE, radiation fog occurred when the earth lost its heat quickly all night because of radiation that caused air cooling in the nearest

layer to the earth, the upper layer is hot, so radiation inversion occurred which helps to constitute fog .

The other kind of fog: the movable fog, occurred as a result of its formation in a place transferred by wind to another place, it is formed on water bodies or nearby places and moved to inner places.

### The effect of fog on visibility

The report stated the effect of fog on horizontal visibility, and added that fog has a severe impact on horizontal visibility, as visibility deteriorates to less than 1000 meter, sometimes the visibility

“horizontal and vertical “ become zero when the fog is heavy, relative humidity reaches 100%, that affects driving and aviation in case the fog formed in airports .

In case the fog formed, the horizontal visibility decreased apparently, it will be one km to less than that, as the visibility decreased to less than 100 meter or to be totally zero when the fog is heavy, in case the visibility is decreased or to be zero, it is not advised to drive a car especially on highways, it is required to take care and to less speed.

### Techniques and methods

To predict the fog, prediction depended on controlling air temperature comparing it with the dew amount, when the two readings are convergent, fog formation is imminent, when the two readings are different the chance of fog formation lessened,



**\* To control “fog forming “through satellites by using special frequency of waves “**

**\* it is better not to drive a car in case of zero visibility and to take care**

**“Fog” is the condensation of water vapor loaded by air into small drops of water and means, «to constitute a cloud based on the earth surface»**



it must study air surface movement and its speed, in case the air speed increased, mixing air process with the nearby layers to the surface increased to a degree that lessened the chance to form fog and vice versa, the wind direction is very important to know the source of air either dry or wet by studying the upper atmosphere, when anticyclone is formed in the upper atmosphere, the chance of fog formation increased by not allowing the surface air to ascend to the upper layers

Fog formation is monitored by using a special frequency of waves related to satellites.

### Numerical Models

Atmosphere prediction centers are using numerical models in prediction process, it is a program that enables meteorologists to analyze the weather maps resulted from the numerical models in the upper atmosphere or surface layers and to study and interpret it in detail, as it can predict the weather for the next three or four days, and

so the prediction that fog will be formed or not.

The national meteorological and quake center is using 56 surface monitoring stations in order to recognize the weather condition covered all the UAE, these stations enables to monitor weather elements every 15 minutes in 247/, in order to recognize weather

condition in the UAE correctly .as it monitoring temperatures, relative humidity, speed wind, direction, atmospheric pressure , the amounts of rain, drops of dew, soil moisture, the total solar beams " the center also has " weather radar " network consists of 5 fixed radars and movable one, as it is monitoring clouds, thunderstorms and the rain amounts in the UAE every 15 minutes.

### Cooperation mechanism with the concerned authorities

**The national metrological and quake center stated that it deals with the concerned authorities in respect of formation of fog by using a mechanism for this target, this mechanism studies the atmospheric condition and to warn the concerned principals, like: police, traffic and civil defense operations"and to send a weather reports to mass media shortly before happening to take all precautions.**

## The national meteorological center

# Dust is an atmospheric phenomenon causing harm to the environment and affects visibility

Dust is one of the common atmospheric phenomena especially in the dry and desert climate areas known as subtropical areas, it caused a severe damage to environment and man's life, as it has a direct effect on land and air transport and health. the dust and sand storms have a vivid effect on weather and climate, the dust existed in atmosphere plays a direct part in the amount of solar beams that reached the earth surface, and so it made the retracement of earth radiation during the night cooling. high temperature on the earth surface, lack of rain and the strong surface storms is the main factor to prepare an area to dust storm.

The national meteorological center stated in its report that these wind resulted from cold air resulted in large thermal and pressure gradation. dust may occur as a result of a strong vertical movement to the air either up or down in the desert area recognized with its light dust. the dust prevailed on a wide scale vertically or horizontally, prior scientific studies proved that most of the dust storms resulted from a small vertical atmospheric phenomena. the effect of these phenomena are not limited to its emanation areas or the nearby places but it exceeds it to regions thousands of kilometers away of theses emanations it may transfer to another state.

In addition to, there are a big amounts of sand spread across the Mediterranean sea to south of Europe coming from the African desert because of the activity of Sudan seasonal drowning known as Khamasin wind, the importance to study the dust storms lies in the negative effects on different elements of ecosystem, damages to vegetation, air, sea and land transport movement and various human activities.

The center stated that the reason of all reasons to increase successive case of dust worldwide is the increase in desertification, Arabian Desert lies in the main scale of the five deserts on the globe, this scale extends from the Atlantic Ocean to China, and it contains the deserts of Africa, Arabia, India, Juba in Mongolia and China.

Desertification is an environmental change to soil and a decline in its fertility due to change in environmental and climatic conditions to such a soil or the bad exploitation to the natural sources by man, and according to the UN report which asserted that area of decertified lands estimated to 50 thousands square km every year during the last century.

### Reasons of dust increase

The national meteorological center stated " many



## High temperature, lack of rain and strong wind are the main factors to cause storms



reasons that caused dust increase, they are natural reasons as the observed climatic change, dryness repetition periods and the large differentiation in annual rain amounts in one area and temperature daily increase, and the large differentiation in daily temperature between an area and another, in addition to human reasons which are : factors related to human activity, including the increase exploitation of man to the earth due to the increase in demand for raw materials and the misuse of the earth, it is also due to the unjust and irresponsible investment for the natural sources in addition to wars which lead directly or indirectly to earth dryness, consequently lead to desertification .

Dust sources vary in the atmosphere according to source nature, the first source resulted from atmosphere movement and its different systems (natural source ) which causes to stir dust from the dry lands surfaces, the dry lands represented more than 40% of land area worldwide, the second source (human) this kind resulted from various activities of man on the earth, like plants, quarries crushers, land prequalifying processes and other activities, this source resulted in dust, monoxide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, surface ozone and nitrogen dioxide .

### Sandy storm "dust"

The sandy storm is considered one of the atmospheric phenomena, it is a gathering of dust particles carried by strong wind, its speed up to 44 KM or more per hour to high altitudes to have a severe impact on visibility especially the horizontal visibility to reach to lesser than 1000 meter .these storms are often generated on the lands covered by non-coherent dust and sand, and it may reach another places, the front of storm forms a high dusty and sandy wall ample in width and to some extent speedy in movement, known as dusty wall , this wall accompanied by a kind of clouds called cumulonimbus and it didn't accompanied by any clouds along the cold front, this phenomena is called drifting dust .

The ascending dust is an atmospheric phenomenon, it is a gathering of dust particles carried by a strong wind to high altitudes it partially effects horizontal visibility to reach less than 2000 meters, and it has a larger effect on vertical visibility.

Whirling dust is considered a desert phenomenon especially in the hot and clear days, sand and dust risen to a higher altitude, the dusty cloud rotating so fast as a whirling small -diameter cylinder .its diameter ranges many meters to tens of meters, while its height ranges between 1000 to 2000 meters.

To maintain woman's confidentiality and to facilitate the traffic procedures

# Abu Dhabi traffic "created" an investigating bureau for women accidents

**Abu Dhabi police traffic and patrols directorate created an investigation bureau, to investigate women's car accidents, to maintain a woman's confidentiality and make it easy for her after the accident and during investigating its circumstances, as the police women investigates the crash in its location .**

Traffic and patrols directorate statistics shows that women are the reason for 157 traffic accidents during 9 month in the current year, from January 1st to September 30, varied from running over, clash and crash, the most important reasons for women's car accidents are to jump the red signal and sudden drift, high speed without taking the road into account, not abiding the road line and tail gaiting .the attendance violations committed by women during the same period reached 46605 attendance violation, the most important violations that related to buckle safety belt, 1808 violations to use the cell during driving, 882 violations to hinder the traffic, 403 violations to park in a non-parking area, 294 violations for not using signals while changing the vehicle directions, 249 violations to jump the red signal, 2081 violations for not abiding with the traffic line, 51 violations for allowing under ten children to sit in the front seats, 86 violations for exceeding the allowed painting , 474 violations for not allowing pedestrians to use their cross places safely .

What are the reasons behind women's car accidents; as they are the most careful during driving, where does the investigation take place with who committed these accidents, what is the role of directorate to prevent these accidents?

To highlight women's traffic accidents and its

circumstances (woman today ) meets some principals at the traffic and patrols directorate to know the reasons behind women's car accidents and to identify the women's car accidents investigation bureau, shortly launched in the directorate to do the investigations related to women's car accidents .

## **The cell phone and Emirati Sheila**

At the beginning of his speech, lieutenant colonel Ahmed Al Zayoudy, head of serious accidents department in Abu Dhabi traffic and patrol directorate said that some main reasons that lead to women's car accidents ranged from simple, medium and serious, are including, to be busy with anything else except road, to use the cell to talk with others or to send a short messages or not to use the safety belt or to modify Sheila, in addition to exceed the allowed speed and not to take care, she felt agitated when passing other drivers suddenly .

Al Zayoudy asserts that the mother's occupation with her child, not liable to seat him in the rear seats as a kind of pampering or to express her love, all this caused women's accidents, he pointed out that law is strictly prohibits to seat children under 12 on the front seats, but the newborn babies less than one year, they should be put on the rear seat, in condition that to put their faces to the back.

## Lieutenant Colonel Ahmed Al Zayoudi: using cells, modifying scarf and makeup leads to fatal accidents

### Woman's confidentiality

On the other hand, Al Zayoudy explains that traffic and patrols directorate prepared for an integrated educational program to aware drivers, men and women with the traffic rules by dispatching guidelines brochures written in all languages, and making daily educational patrols available in malls, filling stations, light signals, AL sheikh Zayed mosque, in addition to giving lectures and traffic weekly events, it also created an office for women's car accidents, some qualified police women investigate drivers in accident site or in hospital or in traffic and patrols directorates departments.

### Women accidents

Form his side, Lieutenant Colonel "Jamal Al-Ameri"- head of public relations at the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols- said that woman lack of focus while driving and distraction of mind in the daily issues and requirements of home and work plays a major role in increasing rate of traffic accidents committed by women. Additionally, accidents happen when ladies communicate with children over the phone to check on them. He pointed that, however, accidents committed by females still less than accidents committed by males.

"Al-Ameri" confirmed that most female accidents took place while going to or returning from the workplace or school due to the density of traffic at rush hours and preoccupation of mind with family matters and responsibilities, which contribute to



the accidents committed by them leading to disrupt traffic.

### Contact Lenses

Al Ameri pointed that weather vagaries and thick fog cause grave women's accidents, in addition, use of colored contact lenses doubling the blurred visibility with leaving tail gaiting vehicles, which may also lead to the occurrence of traffic accidents. He adds: Some women drive their vehicles very speedy, as some women do not adhere to seat children on the rear seats; where these children move between the front and rear seats, which confuses mother while driving.

In order to reduce the occurrence of these accidents, some of which may be serious, Al Ameri calls drivers to focus and pay attention while driving, and not to preoccupy themselves by mobile phones, stressing that some women hold more than four phones, in addition to (iPad), which increase women accidents rate.

Al Ameri explained that the educational patrols campaign launched by «the Directorate» under the slogan (Let's work together to improve traffic safety) so as to ensure the safety of the public, according to the strategy of the General Command of Abu



Dhabi Police to increase the safety of the Emirate's roads, contributed significantly to reduce accidents, especially that these campaign deals directly with the public in all vital areas such as commercial centers, filling stations, light signals and via internet, so as to enhance traffic awareness culture, and to reply to all inquiries that contribute to accidents reduction.

### Youth

In the same context, Major Abdullah Youssef Al-Swaidi, the director of the Investigation and Case Referral branch, said that daily life conditions and family, social, occupational responsibilities are forced upon most of the driver women affecting their attention while driving, the matter that makes them accident-prone whether they are part of accidents or suffering from them that could be avoided.

Concerning the more accident-prone or women accident responsible age groups, Al Suwaidi said that the women age groups who are responsible for accidents are between 18-25 years old, because of the inattention while driving and busyness with things other than driving such as mobile phones and losing of control upon accident which can result in converting the accident to major ones or sometimes result in death.

Al Suwaidi delivers a message to the women drivers in general and mothers in particular to follow the traffic laws, driving instructions and not to be busy with "illogical" things that may result in accidents, assuring that law has no exceptions.

### Nervous trauma

On her part, Mastora Gamaan Al Mansouri the chief warrant officer (woman police officer) assures that all the women police officers are receiving an extensive and high quality courses whether in investigating mechanism or in dealing with the drivers in the psychic aspect or in the traffic law. She also assured that Abu Dhabi police traffic and patrols directorate created a new office specialized in investigation with women with all the qualified services and allocate a place to stay at in the state of death or in major casualties to save women and their privacy.

Upon asking her about the major reasons of women

accidents, Mrs. Al Mansouri said, "The statistics show that most of the women traffic incidents resulted from the inattention while driving and losing of ability to control the vehicle upon the accident, indicating the women traffic incidents in collision, crush, driving without licensing in addition to the overdriving in rare cases comparing to those of men drivers".

In the term of women drivers reactions in the major accidents, Al Mansouri said "Most of women suffer nervous trauma in addition to the feeling of fear, situation fright which is natural, as women in nature are sympathetic creatures who are affected by such painful scenes specially of major casualty or death, moreover; imprisoning or arresting expectation are matters that discomfort women and drive her to nervous breakdown. Although law does not differentiate between man and woman, our society still refuse the idea of arresting woman.

### Premature

The idea of creating a specialized investigation office for women in Abu Dhabi police traffic and patrols directorate is one of the pioneering ideas that show the director's care about the privacy of the women in respect of the Arabian traditions. The matter that made drivers appreciate the said idea, for example; Ali Al-Khateeb (employee) who appreciated the idea saying it is one of the successful ideas that proves that Director's care does not mean the guiding and instructing sides only, but extending to the humanist sides that help in preeminence of humans and save his integrity.

On her part, Mona Amer appreciated the creating of a specialized women traffic accidents office saying it is a premature idea specially after proving its competence in a short time and it becomes like a safety valve for all the driving women in term of keeping privacy and feeling safe while dealing with the women police officers. (Set a thief to catch a thief).