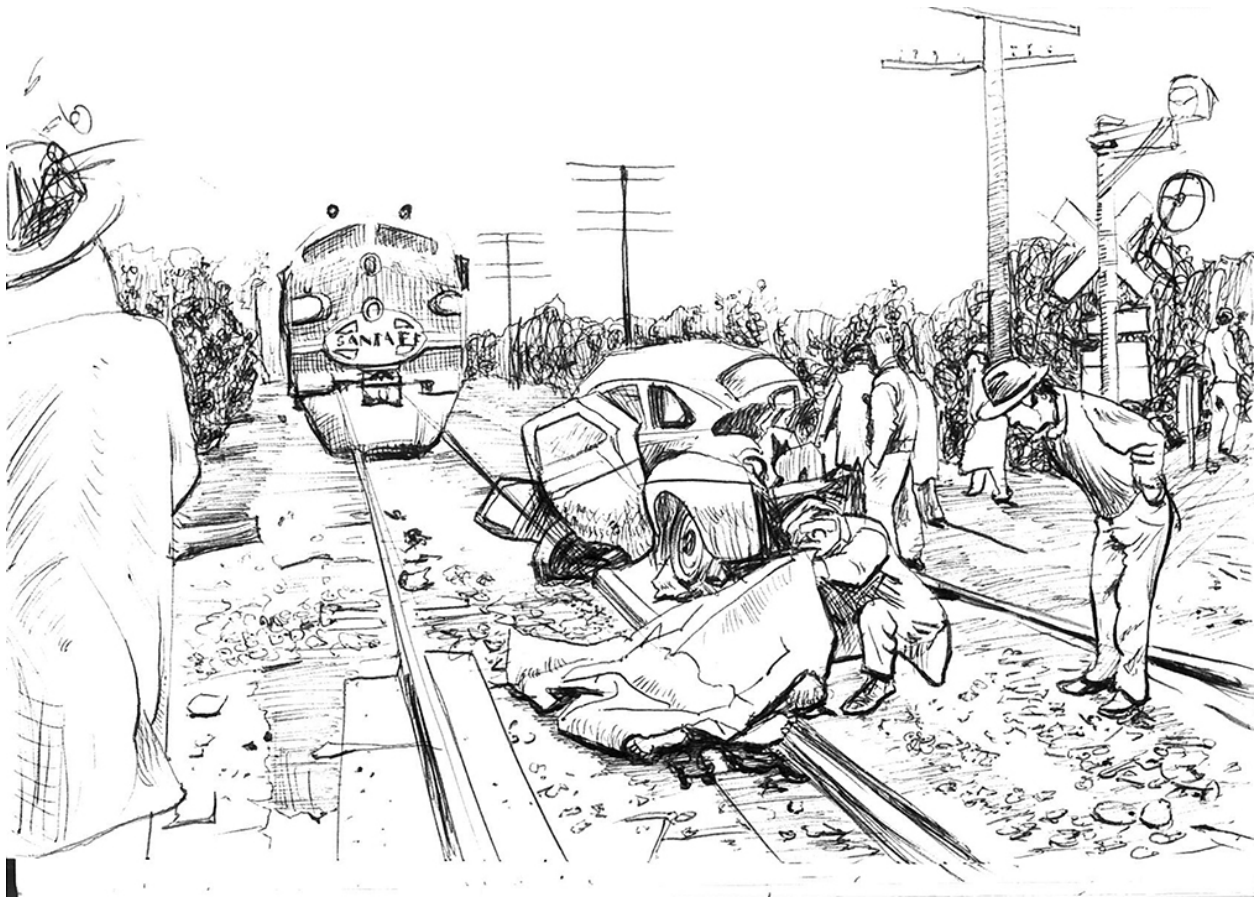


ACCIDENT



Four young friends die in University Road car crash

Four young friends were killed in what police described as a horrible accident that took place on University Road in Gulshan-i-Iqbal in the early hours of Monday.

While some reports said that the driver of a fast-moving car tried to avoid hitting a motorcyclist and in the process his car collided with the pillars of a pedestrian bridge, Mobina Town SHO Shahid Taj said that the accident took place because the vehicle went out of the driver's control due to rash driving.

The police said the accident occurred at around 2am.

The vehicle was badly damaged in the accident and all four occupants of the car died on the spot. The bodies were shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

The victims were reportedly on their way home after having dinner somewhere in the metropolis.

An Edhi Foundation spokesperson identified the victims as Mohammed Moiz, 19, Rohan, 25, Asadullah, 20, and Taimur Khan, 25. They were all said to be friends and residents of Gulshan-i-Iqbal.

Man axed to death

A young man was killed and another injured in Shah Latif Town on Monday, according to police.

They added that Shahzad Ali, 30, was axed to death in Lashari Goth.

Area SHO Mohammed Ali Shah said the incident appeared to be an outcome of a family dispute.

He said the man was killed allegedly by his brother-in-law and the police had arrested the suspect.

In another incident, seven persons were injured when two groups fought with each other over a property dispute in Shah Latif Town. They wounded men were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for treatment. (By Newspaper's Staff Reporter Dawn, 13, 23/02/2021)

Man, daughter die as water tanker hits motorcycle

A man and his minor daughter were killed and his brother was injured when a fast-moving water tanker hit their motorcycle near A.O. Clinic in Nazimabad on Sunday evening, said police.

The incident enraged onlookers who set fire to the water tanker. The truck driver managed to escape from the site.

Nazimabad SHO Faisal Rafiq said the victims suffered critical injuries and taken to the nearby Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, where doctors pronounced the man and his daughter dead on arrival.

Later, the girl was identified as Sidra. The names of her father and his brother could not be ascertained immediately.

The water tanker was destroyed in the fire before arrival of firefighters, said a fire brigade official. After the incident a severe traffic jam was witnessed in the the area and approach roads. (By Newspaper's Staff Reporter Dawn, 13, 08/03/2021)

Accident after accident

The increasing frequency of railway accidents in the country in recent years indicates that some things are seriously wrong with the *Pakistan* Railways. Around 3:30am on Monday, Peshawar-bound Millat Express, which was on its way from Karachi, collided with Sargodha-bound Sir Syed Express, which was en route to Karachi, leaving at least 40 passengers of the two trains dead and 100 others injured. The death toll is likely to rise as many are feared trapped in the mangled bogies of the ill-fated trains.

The horrific mishap occurred near Rohri in Ghotki district. Several coaches of Millat Express derailed and collided with the other train coming from the opposite direction. The impact of the collision was so strong that 13 to 14 coaches of the two trains derailed and overturned. Of these, 6 to 8 bogies were completely destroyed. The accident happened at an unearthly hour when most of the passengers were asleep. Rescue work was underway at the time these lines were being written and it is difficult to say when rescuers would be able to reach those still trapped inside the damaged bogies.

The regularity of railway accidents raises several questions about safety measures being taken by the authorities, and competence and efficiency of the railway administration. There is also the factor of negligence. These suspicions are strengthened by the official inquiry reports into railway accidents that have also pointed to these deficiencies. In this accident, the possibility of sabotage too cannot be ruled out.

However, former railways minister Saad Rafique, a senior leader of the PML-N, believes that lack of maintenance of the tracks and related components is chiefly responsible for the accident. "Which machine can keep on working without the upkeep it requires!"

exclaims Rafique in his reaction to the Ghotki accident, one of the most horrendous in a series of such accidents over the last couple of years.

All these aspects need to be thoroughly probed in order to eliminate the chances of accidents in the future. It is about time the authorities took corrective measures to inspire the trust of the people.
(By Editorial, The Express Tribune, 14, 08/06/2021)