

ACCIDENT



23 perish in city road crashes in 10 days

The first ten days of 2025 snuffed out at least 23 lives, including women and children, due to road accidents in the city, casting a dark shadow over the traffic management as well as on the civic sense of road users.

The data shared by the social welfare organisation, Chhipa, reveals that almost all of the fatalities were caused by speeding vehicles with untrained drivers on the wheels.

Despite a series of meetings and enforcement drives initiated by police last year, traffic accidents continue to plague the city, highlighting the need for sustained efforts.

On Friday, a water tanker crushed motorcyclists near the Shaheed-e-Millat Flyover, killing two. The deceased, 57-year-old Syed Noman and 49-year-old Muhammad Israr, were the residents of Korangi Mehran Town. Another person was severely injured. The deceased were cousins and fathers of five children each. The accident occurred when an unknown car collided with the motorcycles, causing the riders to fall onto the road. The water tanker, which was following behind, ran over them. The bodies were mutilated and dismembered under the wheels of the tanker. The horrific scene caused many onlookers to scream, and a crowd became enraged.

After the accident, angry individuals set the water tanker on fire, while the driver escaped. Police and Chhipa volunteers transferred the bodies to Jinnah Hospital.

In another incident, a young man was killed on the spot when his bike skidded and fell into a drain near Shan Intersection in the Korangi Industrial area on Friday. The deceased, 23-year-old, Abdullah was accompanied by his brother, 22-year-old Sajjad, who got injured in the incident.

The two brothers, residents of Qasba Colony, were immediately shifted to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC). The deceased and brother used to work at a private factory in Korangi and were going back home when the incident occurred.

The victims' family declined to file a police report, stating that the accident was an unfortunate incident in which the motorcycle skidded and fell into the drain, resulting in the loss.

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Water tankers run over, kill three bike-riders in Karachi

Three people were hit and killed by water tankers in two separate incidents in the city on Friday, police said.

In the first incident, an angry mob set a water tanker on fire after it hit and killed two motorcyclists on Shaheed-i-Millat Road.

DIG Traffic Ahmed Nawaz Cheema said that the tanker hit the victims near Tipu Sultan Bridge.

As a result, Syed Noman and Israr Ahmed, were killed. The tanker also hit and injured another person but he couldn't be identified, the DIG added.

The bodies were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre.

Ferozabad SHO Inam Husain Junejo attributed rash driving as probable cause of the accident. The errant driver, Shahzad Ali Shah, managed to escape from the spot, leaving behind the tanker that was set on fire by angry people.

A Rescue-1122 official said that area residents managed to control the fire themselves before arrival of their fire tenders. He said the tanker was partially damaged.

The Ferozabad police had registered a case against the tanker driver on complaint of Danish, brother of one deceased Israr Ahmed, said area SHO Inam Junejo.

In another incident on National Highway, a bike rider, Saeed, was killed when a water tanker hit him near Ghaghar Phatak.

However, Steel Town SHO Adeel Shah said the victim's relatives had reached an "agreement" with the driver and did not want any legal proceedings.

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Traffic marshal dies as car veers off track during race

A young private traffic marshal lost his life when a car, which had veered out of control, struck and dragged him into a ditch on the Superhighway near DHA City on Saturday.

Rescue-1122 official Hassaan Khan told Dawn that the organisers of the Hub Car Rally had arranged the race on M-9 motorway this time.

He explained that during the race, one car lost control due to over-speeding. It detached from its track and hit volunteer traffic marshal Danish, who was standing at a cabin to guide drivers. The impact of the accident was so severe that it not only destroyed the cabin but also dragged Danish into a ditch.

As a result, he suffered serious spinal and head injuries and was taken to the trauma centre at the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, where he died during treatment, the rescue official added.

The driver, identified as Tariq Khan, sustained minor injuries as he was wearing safety gear.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 26/01/2025)

Couple, PN employee run over, killed by garbage truck

Three people, including a man and his wife, were run over and killed by a garbage truck on the Rashid Minhas Road in Gulistan-i-Jauhar on Wednesday, officials said.

The Edhi Foundation stated that over the past five days, 14 people, including five children, were killed in road accidents in the metropolis.

The officials added that the incident occurred after the brakes of the truck belonging to the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) reportedly failed and the vehicle "went out of driver's control".

DIG-Traffic Ahmed Nawaz Cheema told Dawn that the SSWMB truck was crossing the Jauhar Flyover at around 5:20pm when it hit three motorcycles and two cars.

The bodies were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC).

An Edhi Foundation spokesperson identified two of the deceased as Maryam Zehra, 45, and her husband Kamran.

Police Surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed said that Maryam was brought dead while her husband Kamran died during treatment at the JPMC.

The third victim was identified as Mohammed Farooq, an employee of the Pakistan Navy.

The truck driver escaped after the accident leaving behind the vehicle.

Bus driver kills mother and child

In Khokhrapar, a woman and her infant son were killed while three others were injured when a bus crashed into a house.

DIG Cheema said that the contract carriage bus was parked at Khokhrapar-4. When its driver tried to start the bus at 5pm, it did not start. However, when the vehicle got started it suddenly crashed into the house, hitting several people, killing a woman and her child.

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Deadly dumpers

Amidst grave political and criminal turmoil, Karachi faces yet another deadly threat as unregulated heavy vehicles continue to claim lives. In the past two days, dumper trucks have caused two fatal accidents, killing five motorcyclists. The first incident claimed three lives, including of a couple, while the second left a family critically injured with the father and his 13-year-old son eventually succumbing to their injuries. According to traffic police reports, at least 39 people have been killed this year in accidents involving heavy vehicles, including water and oil tankers, trailers and dumper trucks. These alarming statistics bring light to the only meaningful explanation: that these are not isolated incidents but glaring examples of a systematic failure to regulate heavy vehicular traffic.

The city administration has banned movement of heavy vehicles from 6am to 11pm within the metropolis, except for three dedicated major freight routes. But not only do vehicle owners blatantly disregard these regulations, they are also routinely involved in reckless driving and are known to unabashedly flee the scenes of their crimes. This gross negligence has cost citizens insurmountable grief, yet the severity of their losses does not seem to awaken the authorities that are responsible. While the Sindh governor has called for an action plan within a week, none of the relevant officials have even come up with any customary statement, as if nothing has happened at all.

It is important that to call upon those who are in positions of power and compel them to take charge of responsibilities that they undertake as per their own convenience. The Sindh minister of transport and mass transit recently emphasised on the importance of road safety education at an event, but remains silent on this issue as of yet. This silence on the part of the minister is shocking, and so is the lack of justice for families that have been torn apart due to sheer irresponsibility.

(By Editorial, The Express Tribune, 14, 08/02/2025)

Dumper claims three more lives

A recklessly-driven dumper truck ran over and killed three young motorcyclists in Korangi on Saturday morning, after which an angry mob set fire to the heavy vehicle.

Zaman Town SHO Ateeq Rehman said that three young men riding a motorcycle were on their way from Ibrahim Hyderi. When they reached near Korangi Crossing, a dumper truck, coming from the wrong side, ran them over. They all died on the spot. The errant driver managed to escape, leaving behind the loaded truck that was set on fire by enraged people, said the officer.

He identified two of the deceased persons as Asif, 25, and Amjad Jilani, 27, and said they hailed from Bahawalpur.

The bodies were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) for medico-legal formalities.

PMA demands strict action

Expressing concern over the increase in traffic accidents in the city in recent weeks, which have resulted in the loss of precious lives and misery for countless citizens, the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has called upon the government to strictly enforce traffic laws and take decisive action against offenders.

"The association notes with grave concern that such incidents have become a routine occurrence. The apparent lack of effective measures to prevent these tragedies is deeply troubling," the association stated.

Referring to a recent case in which a dumper truck claimed citizens' lives, the association noted that the incident served as a stark reminder of the alarming frequency of such accidents in the city and that the primary cause of these accidents was the blatant disregard for traffic laws and regulations, particularly by drivers of heavy vehicles.

"The complete failure of the traffic police to enforce the law further exacerbates the situation. Instead of focussing on implementing traffic laws, the traffic police are often perceived to be more interested in extorting money from citizens," the association stated.

The association demanded increased vigilance, accountability and public awareness regarding road and driving safety.

"The traffic police must increase their presence on the roads and ensure that all vehicles, especially heavy vehicles, adhere to traffic rules and regulations," the association asserted.

"Overloading, speeding and reckless driving must be dealt with using the full force of the law. The traffic police must be held accountable for their failure to enforce traffic laws. In addition, the government should launch public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about traffic rules and safety measures," it stated.

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Dumper trucks whip up road terror

Three motorcyclists were killed when a dumper coming from the wrong side hit them near Korangi Crossing. Agitated people set the sand and gravel loaded dumper on fire.



Aggrieved families took the bodies to Korangi Crossing, blocking the road. The staged sit-in suspended traffic flow. The protestors burned tyres on the road and shouted slogans during the protest. The protestors demanded the arrest of SSP Keamari, SSP Traffic and the dumper driver and registration of murder case.

The deceased were identified as 24-year-old Muhammad Shaukat, 25-year-old Asif, and 27-year-old Amjad Jilani. Shaukat was an employee of the Pakistan Navy, a resident of NRE-1 Maulvi Tamizuddin Khan Road. He left behind a son to mourn his death. While, Asif and Amjad Jilani, were relatives of Shaukat who worked as a part-time welder. At the time of the accident, he had gone to Korangi Ibrahim Hyderi to give welding equipment to someone and to talk about his relatives' employment. Unfortunately, they were crushed during their return. Asif

and Amjad had come to Karachi from Bahawalpur a day earlier for employment. The driver of the dumper escaped from the scene unharmed. The angry people present at the scene set the dumper on fire. The bodies of the deceased were shifted to Jinnah Hospital.

A fire brigade vehicle reached the spot and doused the flames in half an hour of struggle. The dumper was impounded.

The dumper responsible for the accident was going to supply sand and gravel removed from a river in Malir district under the patronage of the police, to Korangi despite the ban on digging for sand and gravel. The officials of the Dumper Association also held the dumper driver responsible for the accident, while they held the police responsible for it. He said, if there is heavy traffic in the city during the day, then the police are responsible for it.

Meanwhile, another speeding dumper ran over a motorcyclist on the National Highway, killing a man and injuring another. Both were transferred to a nearby hospital. The dumper driver was arrested.

Surjani Town Northern Bypass also witnessed a tragic accident where a Mazda truck hit and killed a 45-year-old motorcyclist. The body was shifted to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital where the deceased was identified as Abdul Majeed.

Following the continuous tragic incidents, the Sindh government has decided to impose a ban on the entry of dumpers into the megapolis during the daytime. As per the announcement, dumpers will only be allowed to enter the city between 11pm and 6am.

Chief Secretary Sindh Asif Hyder Shah convened an emergency meeting to discuss traffic-related issues on the directives of the CM. The meeting was attended by Inspector General Sindh Police, Commissioner Karachi, Additional IG Karachi, Secretary Transport, DIG Traffic, and other officials. During the meeting, it was decided that all large vehicles and their drivers will undergo inspection to ensure compliance with safety regulations.

Additionally, all vehicles operating in Karachi must obtain a QR Code-certified certificate from the Transport Department. The Sindh Solid Waste Management Board has been instructed to shift its operations to night-time within three months.

Crackdown on traffic rules violators

The Road Safety Committee on the directives of Sindh Senior Minister, Sharjeel Inam Memon, continues its crackdown on the violators of traffic rules. As part of the operation against overloading, over-speeding, and unfit commercial vehicles, the committee inspected 33 vehicles, issued challans to 20, and impounded four vehicles.

A total fine of Rs101,400 was imposed on violators of road safety regulations. The senior minister stated that the committee is conducting surprise inspections across the province to curb traffic violations. He emphasised that traffic law violations pose a significant threat to human lives, and the Sindh government is taking strict action against offenders.
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Dumper turns family's joy into mourning

A young motorcyclist was crushed to death by a dumper truck in Shah Latif Town on Sunday even though authorities have restricted the movement of heavy vehicles within city limits from 8am to midnight. While the young biker, identified as Hasnain Imran, was killed, his 13-year-old sister, Hijab Imran, was injured in the accident which took place within the remits of Shah Latif Town police.



Sharing details of the crash, police said that two motorcycles collided near Mateen Complex on the National Highway. As a result, Hasnain and his sister fell to the ground, and a dumper truck coming from behind ran over Hasnain, killing him on the spot.

Syed Omais, a close friend of the deceased, said that Hasnain had gone to pick up his sister from a martial arts coaching centre, where she had participated in a competition and secured first place.

In celebration of her achievement, Hasnain was taking her out for lunch when the accident took place.

Hasnain, an intermediate student, was passionate about bodybuilding and regularly attended the gym. His younger sister, Hijab, a seventh-grade student, is a martial arts enthusiast and a black belt holder. The family, originally from Landhi's 36-B area, is devastated by the loss. Hasnain was the only son of his parents, with his father currently working in Saudi Arabia.

Expressing his grief and frustration, Omais criticised the government for failing to enforce traffic laws, allowing heavy vehicles to operate in restricted zones, which continues to cause fatal accidents.

Police said that they are working to identify the errant dumper.

Driver, owner booked for fatal crash

Police have registered the case of a fatal accident on Korangi Creek Road in which three motorcyclists were killed by a speeding dumper, reportedly coming from the wrong direction.

The deadly crash took place within the remits of Zaman Town police station. Police registered the case against the unidentified dumper driver and the vehicle's owner, Fayyaz Shah, on the complaint of Muhammad Ishaq, the brother of one of the deceased. The case includes charges of murder, speeding, reckless driving, and damage to property.

According to the complainant, his brother Shaukat, 20, along with his cousins Amjad, 24, and Muhammad Asif, 28, were on their way to work on a motorcycle when the dumper, loaded with soil, crashed into them. All three died on the spot.

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Motorcyclist killed by water tanker in Karachi's Manghopir

Incidents of citizens being killed by heavy vehicles continue unabated in the metropolis as another young man died in a traffic accident involving a water tanker in the Manghopir area on Monday, police and rescue services officials said.

The victim was identified as Mohammed Daniyal, 32.

Officials said that he was on his way to work on a motorcycle when the tanker hit him near Rais Centre within the remit of the Manghopir police station. As a result, he fell from the bike, after which he was run over by another vehicle on the road. He died on the spot.

The body was shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

The victim had a shop at a city mobile market.

Law permits daytime movement of trucks carrying essential goods: IGP

Inspector General of Sindh Police Ghulam Nabi Memon told reporters on the premises of the Sindh High Court that the movement of heavy vehicles carrying essential commodities — water, edible oil, construction materials, liquid oxygen and meat — on city roads during the day was permitted under the law.

However, he said, it was decided in a meeting with the Sindh chief secretary to restrict the movement of heavy traffic during daytime in order to avoid traffic accidents involving such vehicles in the metropolis.

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500 people killed in road accidents in 2024, hospital data shows

An alarming increase was registered in road accidents in Karachi as nearly 500 people were killed while 4,879 injured in the outgoing year of 2024 due to host of reasons ranging from reckless driving to construction activities, etc, according to hospitals data.

Police Surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed told Dawn that a total of 497 people were referred to three major hospitals namely the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Trauma Centre/Civil Hospital Karachi and Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for post-mortem examinations.

Out of them 67 were females. Sharing hospital-wise data, the police surgeon added that a total of 153 males and 21 females were brought dead to the JPMC, 96 males and 10 females at the CHK and 181 males and 36 females were brought to the ASH for autopsy.

Police surgeon shares statistics gathered from three major govt hospitals in the city

"A total of 4,879 persons injured in road traffic accidents were also reported at three major government hospitals in the metropolis last year," said the police surgeon.

Out of them 1,035 were females.

Dr Summaiya said that some of them might have died during treatment as the family did not want post-mortem examination.

Sharing data of the hospitals, the police surgeon added that 2,063 males and 893 females injured in the accidents were brought to the JPMC, 617 males and 44 females at the CHK and 1,164 males and 98 females were brought to the ASH for treatment.

Another man killed by dumper

A bike-rider was killed in a road accident in the Memon Goth area on Thursday. A rashly driven dumper hit the motorcyclist and ran him over, adds APP. The victim, identified as Saifullah, died on the spot.

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Train-tanker crash shuts Mai Kolachi Road

The Mai Kolachi Road has not been reopened to traffic more than 18 hours after a trailer and an oil tanker crashed into a freight train at the unmanned railway crossing on the thoroughfare. Long queues of heavy vehicles stretch on Mai Kolachi Road as traffic is being diverted to alternate routes while police and railway authorities have not been able to give the all-clear.



The bizarre crash, which took place in the early hours of Friday, has triggered a row between the Oil Tanker Contractors Association and Railways authorities. SP Traffic for District West Noorul Haq Rind blamed the Railways, saying that there was heavy traffic on Mai Kolachi Road from 11pm to 6am at the time of the accident.

According to SP Rind, the oil tanker, which was carrying 48,000 litres of petrol, was transferred to another tanker by 8.30am, and the road was closed to prevent

further untoward incidents.

He went on to add that Mai Kolachi Road doesn't have a manned railway crossing, while no advance warning was given to the Traffic Police regarding the passage of the freight train. "No railway staff was present at the site at the time of the accident," he added.

On the other hand, Railways authorities claimed that freight trains do not pass through the Mai Kolachi Road crossing every day, and that trains arrive only occasionally when goods are transported from the port.

The Oil Tanker Contractors Association criticised the Railways for the crash, pointing out that the lack of a crossing gate and railways staff led to the disaster. Association President Abidullah Afridi said that the tanker driver, who lost a leg in the collision, was the victim of circumstances beyond his control. He called for financial compensation for the injured driver and his family, adding that an FIR will be registered against the railway administration.

Meanwhile, Railways Station Superintendent for Kaemari Shahbaz Zaidi said that investigations into the accident were ongoing. Daily freight trains pass through the Mai Kolachi Road area, but the absence of Railways staff during the incident will be clarified only after the inquiry.

According to the spokesperson for Helpline 1915, traffic has been restored on the track from Tower to Boat Basin, and efforts are ongoing to reopen the road from Boat Basin to Tower.

Though the truckers and police blame the Railways for not putting up a gate, the question remains why the truck driver didn't see the coming locomotive. A train is not a bike that trucks can crush and pass on.

In their haste they tried to out run the train, but got caught in the middle of the tracks causing colossal loss to the federal government. As per law, the trucking company and the driver will be held responsible for disrupting the railways traffic and causing loss to the national exchequer.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 15/02/2025)

Five tankers burnt in a row

A motorcyclist, identified as 35-year-old Gulshan Rashid, died in a traffic accident on the road leading from Jail Chowrangi Flyover to Hassan Square soon after midnight on Tuesday. After the accident, angry people present at the scene damaged water tankers by pelting stones and unknown persons set five water tankers on fire.

As soon as the fire was reported, Rescue 1122 and KMC fire brigade personnel reached the scene with four fire engines and after a hard struggle, they doused the flames.

According to Rescue 1122, the front part of one water tanker was completely burnt in the fire, while the other four water tankers were partially damaged.

The driver and cleaner of the water tanker present at the scene, who were also eyewitnesses to the incident, have stated that the accident occurred due to a collision with a dumper, which the police caught along with the driver after a chase and shifted to the police station. People set our water tankers on fire without any reason, while we were not at fault.

Police have caught a dumper and taken two people, Ismail and Inamullah, into custody, while the motorcyclist died in the collision with the dumper. Unknown people have set five water tankers on fire, which is being investigated further.

Talking to the media outside the New Town police station, officials of the Dumper Association said that emergency numbers are being installed on dumpers and water tankers to prevent accidents, which can be contacted to register a complaint regarding the reckless driving.

Meanwhile, the office bearers of the Dumper Association said that it has not yet been established that the accident occurred with the same dumper, but further investigation is under way.

They said that the dumper that the police have seized has no connection with the accident.

After the water tankers were set on fire, the statement of an eyewitness present at the scene also came to light that the accident occurred due to a collision with the dumper and the tankers were burned for no reason.

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Sindh govt holds talks with opposition, transporters to curb traffic accidents

Agreeing with the provincial government that the recent traffic accidents involving dumper trucks should not be used as a political rhetoric, three major opposition parties on Tuesday once again demanded strict implementation of the notified timings of heavy vehicles' operation in the city.



The Sindh government invited representatives of the opposition Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan, Jamaat-i-Islami, Awami National Party and transporters at a meeting to discuss alarming rise in fatalities in road accidents involving heavy vehicles in the city, working hours of heavy transport and other issues.

The meeting, held on the instructions of Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, was attended among others by Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, Home Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar, Dr Farooq Sattar of the MQM-P, Opposition Leader Ali Khurshidi, ANP leader Shahi Syed, JI Karachi Deputy Ameer Muslim Pervez,

Liaquat Mehsud of the Transporters Dumper Association, Sardar Abdul Hameed of the Water Tanker Association and Muhammad Ramzan of Karachi Goods Transport.

The meeting came against the backdrop of the public outrage on Monday when enraged citizen had set five water tankers on fire following the killing of a motorcyclist by a recklessly driven tanker.

Later, addressing a joint press conference, Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that the opposition parties and representatives of the transporters agreed with the provincial government that the traffic accidents were not a political issue and they should not be used as a political rhetoric.

Flanked by Home Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar, Dr Farooq Sattar, Shahi Syed, Ali Khurshidi, and Muslim Pervaiz, Mr Memon stated that the purpose of the meeting was to deliberate on and devise measures to prevent accidents. "All stakeholders presented their perspectives, and transporters also highlighted their concerns," he added.

The minister stated that Monday's incident had led to the chief minister expressing his anger, adding that everyone wanted peace and order to be maintained in the city. He emphasized that as Pakistanis, everyone must work together for the betterment of the country.

He also acknowledged that the challenges faced by the city remained a significant concern for the government.

The senior minister said that the heaviest traffic of the country ran in Karachi. "We have challenges, but it is the responsibility of the government to ensure that there is not a single accident," he said, asking the transporters to tell their drivers to operate vehicles carefully.

Mr Memon said that it was agreed in the meeting that no provocative statements would be made from now on.

He said that 15 individuals involved in the arson incident were arrested on Monday.

MQM-P, JI for compensation

The MQM-P and JI urged the provincial government to give compensation to the families of the accident victims.

Dr Sattar said that the MQM-P followed a policy of non-violence. "There is a difference between giving a warning and violence," he added.

He further said that more than 100 people had died in traffic accidents in the city, adding that these accidents were not a political or administrative problem, but a human issue.

He said that these accidents were not the issues related to language or ethnicity and added that "incidents of violence and arson are not appropriate. We are all sitting together to solve the problem."

The MQM-P leader also said that the drivers responsible for the accidents should be arrested and justice should be provided to the families of the victims.

He said that water tankers should also be regulated and their timings should be fixed.

In a press statement, the JI once again demanded the provincial government to ensure that the heavy traffic, including dumpers and trailers, followed the timing decided for their entry in the city.

It said that the JI leaders reiterated the demand during the meeting with the government officials.

The party also stressed the need for compensation for the affected families and also demanded investigation into each incident in order to bring those who are responsible to full justice.

Mr Pervez said that there was a consensus in the meeting that compensation should be paid to the affected families.
(By Tahir Siddiqui Dawn, 13, 19/02/2025)

10 injured in dumper-wagon collision

More than 10 people were injured when a passenger wagon collided with a dumper truck near the Saeedabad Police Training Centre on Hub River Road Thursday morning.

The dumper crashed into a roadside wall after the collision, while the passenger wagon overturned, trapping the dumper driver inside the vehicle. The driver suffered severe injuries after getting stuck in the steering wheel.

Rescuers rushed the injured to the Civil Hospital, where they were identified as Hakimzadi, 35, and her 16-year-old daughter Shehnaz, Abdullah, 40, Zahir Ahmed, 45, Shiraz Ali, 21, Sajjad Ali, 20, Wahid, 35, Rauf-ur-Rehman, 46, Yasin, 40, Naseer, 35, Sajjad, 24, and Hikmat Zaat, among others.

According to SHO Idrees Bangash, the crash occurred when the dumper driver was driving on the wrong side of the road. The errant driver fled the scene, abandoning his vehicle. Police have launched a manhunt for him.

The passenger wagon was impounded and taken to the police station for investigation.
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Man, child killed in hit-and-run accident

A man and a toddler were killed in a hit-and-run incident in Steel Town on Friday evening.

Area SHO Tahir Qadri said that two families of Jokhio community riding several motorcycles were on their way to attend a wedding ceremony in the area.

When they reached near Samandari Baba Mazar on Link Road, an unidentified vehicle hit their motorcycles and sped away. As a result, Saiful Jokhio, 50, and Sakhi Mohammed Jokhio, died on the spot.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 22/02/2025)

Industrialist, son killed as trailer collides with car on Karachi's ICI Bridge

In yet another accident involving heavy traffic violating a ban on their movement during the daytime, an industrialist and his son were killed when a trailer struck their car, which fell from the ICI Bridge to the ground on Monday afternoon, police said.



The incident drew strong reaction from the city's industrialist community that slammed the Sindh government for its "inability to control killer trailers".

DIG-South Syed Asad Raza told *Dawn* that Ashraf Adamani, 64, and his two sons, Naveed and Usman, were heading toward their industry in the SITE area from their home in DHA when a recklessly driven trailer (SMA-129) crashed into their vehicle from behind on the ICI Bridge.

He said as the heavy vehicle hit their car, it went out of the driver's control, collided with a rickshaw and a motorcycle and fell from the bridge. As a result, Ashraf and Naveed died on the spot, while Usman, suffered serious injuries in the accident.

Rescue teams rushed to the spot and retrieved the bodies and injured person. The dead and wounded were shifted to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi.

The errant driver managed to escape from the spot, leaving behind the heavy vehicle that was impounded by the Docks police.

The officials said the rickshaw driver and one woman travelling on the motorbike were also injured in the accident.

The DIG said that Mr Adamani was an industrialist, who had a plastic industry, Ashraf Enterprises, in the SITE area.

Regarding the movement of heavy vehicles during the daytime, the DIG claimed that trailers transport cargo from the port area to nearby yards and warehouses, and do not enter city areas during the day.

He said the police were waiting for the victims' family to lodge an FIR.

'Karachiites lives not disposable'

In a hard-hitting statement, SITE Association of Industry President Ahmed Azeem Alvi condemned the Sindh government for leaving Karachi's business community and citizens at the mercy of dangerous trailers, asserting that urgent action must be taken.

"The lives of Karachi's people are not disposable. The government must take decisive steps to prevent further tragedies caused by reckless trailers," he said in a statement issued on Monday evening.

It said that the tragic incident has sparked outrage among the business community and raised concerns over the unchecked movement of heavy vehicles in the city.

Expressing deep grief over the unfortunate deaths, the association's president lamented the recurring dangers posed by these heavy transport vehicles and called for urgent reforms to regulate their movement.

"Governor Kamran Tessori and Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah have been urged to take immediate action against the growing menace of trailers speeding through the city. These vehicles pose a continuous threat to Karachi residents and authorities must enforce strict controls, including banning trailers from entering urban areas during peak hours," he said.

Mr Alvi called upon law enforcement agencies to actively address this issue and ensure that Karachi's roads are safe for commuters.

He demanded an emergency meeting with government officials to devise a plan for controlling reckless trailers and preventing further loss of life.

He criticised authorities for their lack of enforcement, stating that unregulated trailer activity contributed to severe accidents and endangers countless lives. "If these violations persist, Karachi could face a significant law-and-order crisis," he warned.

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Deadly roads

DRIVING in Karachi can be hazardous, with chaos on the roads, and very little by way of following rules and regulations. Over the past few weeks, there have been several deadly accidents, mostly involving heavy vehicles, with the latest accident occurring on Tuesday, when an individual in Malir was hit by a public bus. A day earlier, an industrialist and his son died after their vehicle was knocked off the ICI bridge by a fast-moving trailer, even though the movement of heavy vehicles during daylight hours is prohibited. Figures quoted in the media say there have been over 130 fatalities caused by traffic accidents in Karachi so far this year, with more than 1,800 people injured. Last year, around 500 people were killed. The frequency of fatal accidents has led to law and order situations, with protesters often torching errant vehicles. The Sindh government has formed a committee to oversee road safety, but the performance of such committees in other areas of public importance does not inspire confidence.

When it comes to dangerous roads, society as a whole is guilty of contributing to hazardous conditions. The state is, of course, mostly to blame, having failed to enforce the traffic rules, with deadly results. Most often, traffic policemen are busy shaking down motorcyclists or drivers of smaller vehicles, while ignoring those in fancier cars. Moreover, drivers can get away with traffic infractions by stuffing a few notes into the officer's pocket. Therefore, it is essential that a professional and honest traffic police force be deployed to check violators. In this regard, the Motorway Police has a comparatively better record, and this model can be emulated. There should also be strict vigilance of heavy vehicles moving in the city during prohibited hours. Meanwhile, a careless public is routinely seen breaking the law on the roads. Unless drivers display civic sense, our roads cannot be made safer.

(By Editorial, Dawn, 06, 26/02/2025)

Water tanker runs over, kills another young man

A recklessly driven water tanker killed another young citizen in Korangi late on Tuesday night, police said on Wednesday.

Sharafi Goth SHO Sadaruddin Mirani said that Irfan, 35, was on a motorcycle when the tanker hit and ran over him near Godown Chowranghi.

Moreover, the body remained stuck beneath the tanker for long, until the heavy vehicle was jacked up and the corpse moved to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for medico-legal formalities.

The errant driver managed to escape, leaving behind the water tanker that was seized by the police.

The police said the victim, father of a child, was a resident of Shirin Jinnah Colony and worked at a garment factory in the Korangi Industrial Area.

Man shot dead over 'personal dispute'

A young man was shot dead while his father injured over a personal dispute near Shafiq Mor in the limits of Gabol Town police on Wednesday, police said.

Central SSP Zeeshan Shafiq Siddiqi said that some cousins met to settle a personal dispute between them. However, during an argument, one side led by Khuda Rahim resorted to firing, resulting in killing of Dawood Khan, 32, and injuries to his father Rehmat Deen, 57.

The suspects managed to escape from the spot. The body and injured were shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 27/02/2025)

Dumper runs over, kills rickshaw passenger

A rickshaw passenger was killed and another injured when a fast-moving dumper truck collided with the three-wheeler on main Hub River Road on Saturday morning, police said.

Mochko SHO Faisal Latif said that the errant driver managed to speed away after the fatal accident.

He said that two men suffered injuries in the accidents and they were taken to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, where Shah Mohammed, 45, was pronounced dead on arrival. He said that condition of injured Imran was stated to be critical.

He said the deceased had arrived here from Pishin to meet his relatives in Naval Colony.

Meanwhile, a pedestrian was killed in a hit-and-run accident on the main National Highway on Saturday.

Shah Latif Town SHO Raja Abbas said the man, who appears to be in his early 30s, was crossing the highway near Anwar Baloch Hotel in Malir when he was run over and killed by a hit-and-run driver.

He was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, where he was pronounced dead.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 02/03/2025)

Sindh governor Tessori announces plots for families of those killed by heavy vehicles

Expressing helplessness and concern over the inaction of the provincial government in addressing the issue of dumper-related accidents in the city, Governor Kamran Khan Tessori on Saturday announced that he would provide the victims' families with residential plots as financial assistance.

Speaking at a press conference here at the Governor House, he reaffirmed his commitment to advocating for the rights of the people and said if he had the necessary authority, no one would be crushed under heavy vehicles.

The governor also pledged to visit the families of those killed by drivers of dumper trucks over the past two months and to provide them with plots as financial assistance. "Nothing can compensate for the loss of life, but financial aid can help wipe away their tears," he remarked.

Mr Tessori said that he had written to Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and urged the formation of a commission to investigate the accidents involving heavy vehicles, but had received no response. "I can write letters, demand answers, and monitor the situation, but what else can I do? People's children are being crushed," he deplored and added that he had asked the DIG traffic to take action himself; otherwise, he would step in personally.

Says complaint cell to be established at Governor House to combat drug menace

He also announced that a complaint cell would be established at Governor House to combat drug-related issues in the province.

Referring to the Mustafa Amir murder case, he emphasised that this was a critical opportunity to eliminate the menace of drugs.

He urged parents to monitor their children closely and educate them on avoiding substances handed to them by others. Additionally, he announced plans to write to schools and colleges, requesting mandatory drug testing for teachers and students.

Moreover, he also announced that homeless individuals would be allotted plots through a lottery system.

He announced that the doors of Governor House would remain open to the public during "Ittehad Ramazan" programme, with one million people expected to break their fast at the venue.

The governor encouraged people to register for the programme and extended the invitation to religious minorities as well.

He said that the largest-ever Ittehad Ramazan stage in history was being prepared at Governor House, with additional Iftar gatherings planned across the city. "The event will also feature Iftar, dinner, Taraweeh prayers, Naat recitals, qawwali sessions etc," he added.

To a question, he clarified that no public funds were involved in Governor Initiatives, saying that the welfare projects were funded through personal contributions and the support of his friends.

Regarding security concerns, he stated that he would write to the home minister and home secretary, emphasising that no individual should be allowed to move with an unregistered security entourage.
(By Tahir Siddiqui Dawn, 13, 02/03/2025)

Another bike-rider killed by trailer

A trailer ran over and killed a motorcyclist in Liaquatabad in the early hours of Sunday morning, police said.

Central SSP Zeeshan Shafiq Siddiqi said that a 50-year-old man was riding a motorcycle when a 16-wheeler trailer (TLA-142) hit him near Erum Bakery, Liaquatabad No 4.

The man suffered critical injuries and was taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead.

The officer said that the identity of the deceased could not be ascertained till late in the night.

The tragic accident angered area people, who attempted to set the heavy vehicle on fire. However, the police rushed to the scene and prevented them from torching the trailer.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 03/03/2025)

Dumper driver kills another teenager on Karachi's Northern Bypass

A teenager was killed while his two brothers were critically injured when a recklessly driven dumper truck hit them near the Northern Bypass on Thursday evening, police and rescue services officials said.

The Moachko police said that the three brothers were on a motorcycle when the dumper driver hit them near old Toll Plaza.

As a result, one brother was killed on the spot while two others were critically injured. They were shifted to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi.

The police claimed to have arrested the driver and impounded the vehicle. The deceased was identified as Rahib Khan, 18, and the injured as Muneer Khan, 30, and Shahib Khan, 25.

Meanwhile, a bike-rider was critically injured when a water tanker hit him near Singer Chowrangi in Korangi on Thursday, rescue services officials said.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 07/03/2025)

Man dies after car rams into parked dumper

A young motorist was killed when he rammed his vehicle into a parked dumper truck near Safoora Chowrangi on Friday.

Sachal SHO Aurangzeb Khattak said that the incident took place in the early hours of the day and it appeared that the car driver was either asleep or driving very fast.

He suffered critical injuries and was taken to a private hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The deceased was identified as Adnan Ishrat, 33.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 08/03/2025)

Police dept set up to reduce road crashes

The Traffic Police have established the Karachi Road Accident Analysis Unit in an effort to reduce road crashes and enhance road safety. The department will monitor traffic accidents on a daily basis, collect evidence from crash sites, investigate causes, and provide data-driven recommendations to relevant authorities.

This was revealed during a ceremony at the DIG Traffic office, where more than 26,000 illegal fancy number plates, hooters, pressure horns, revolving lights, and other prohibited devices were destroyed. These items had been seized by the Traffic Police during the past year for violating traffic regulations.

Attendees at the ceremony included senior officials, including AIG Karachi Javed Alam Odho, SSPs Traffic from various districts, and others. While addressing the audience, Traffic Police DIG Pir Muhammad Shah stressed the importance of the destruction of these illegal devices, noting that the act sends a strong message to the public about the consequences of using such items. He reiterated that the use of pressure horns, fancy number plates, and other illegal devices is against the law, and action will now extend to shopkeepers selling such items.

DIG Shah announced the establishment of the Karachi Road Accident Analysis Unit which will comprise 10 members, who will conduct thorough investigations into traffic accidents. The unit will gather evidence from accident scenes, analyse contributing factors, and compile detailed reports. Their findings will be used to formulate comprehensive strategies aimed at reducing accidents and preventing loss of life.

DIG Shah also spoke about plans for the development of a mobile application to streamline the process of accident reporting and data collection. He said that while the Traffic Police cannot work miracles, the formation of the new department is a step toward addressing the city's traffic woes. He further stated that success in traffic management requires collaboration from all stakeholders, and every department must play a role in solving the crisis.

Speaking on the occasion, AIG Odho stressed the importance of a multi-faceted approach to tackling Karachi's traffic problems. He pointed out that road construction projects in the city have led to increased traffic on other routes, adding to the burden on the police and traffic enforcement agencies. He also underscored the crucial role of the transport department in improving traffic conditions.

Odho revealed that in 2024, 58% of traffic accident victims were motorcyclists, and 24% were pedestrians. The Traffic Police seized around 500,000 vehicles in the past year and generated over Rs1billion in revenue through traffic fines. He further stated that while improvements have been made in traffic enforcement, a more coordinated approach is needed for lasting change. (By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 14/03/2025)

Prevent road accidents, come what may, Bilawal tells Sindh govt

An alarming rise in fatalities in traffic accidents involving heavy vehicles caught the attention of Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Friday, prompting him to direct the Sindh government to take all-out measures to curb such incidents.

The directives came at a high-level meeting Mr Bhutto-Zardari chaired here at the Chief Minister House to review the overall security situation in the province against the backdrop of the terrorist attack on the Jaffar Express in Balochistan.

The meeting was focused on the police operation against bandits in the Katcha area, the progress of the Safe City project in Karachi, road accidents in the provincial capital and law enforcement agencies performance in managing overall law and order situation in Sindh.

Reviews progress on Safe City Project, operation against dacoit gangs in riverine area

A statement issued by the CM House after the meeting said that the PPP chairman called the meeting to get an update on law and order in Sindh.

The meeting held at CM House was attended by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, Minister of Agriculture Muhammad Bakhsh Mahar, Home Minister Zia Lanjar and others.

The PPP chairman emphasised the need for maintaining law and order and ensuring protection to people's lives and property, which was the responsibility of the Sindh government.

He stressed that road accidents in Karachi must be prevented at all costs. He also asked the Sindh government to further strengthen its ongoing anti-drug operations.

The Sindh chief minister briefed Mr Bhutto-Zardari on the law and order situation.

"We have successfully controlled kidnapping for ransom in several districts of northern Sindh," the statement quoted the CM as saying while referring to areas of Sukkur, Ghotki, Kashmore, and Shikarpur.

The chief minister claimed that improvements were achieved with continued efforts by enhancing law enforcement. However, the PPP chairman issued directives that the police must accelerate operation against dacoits.

The PPP chairman reiterated the government's stance on crimes, saying that there was a zero tolerance for kidnapping for ransom and other heinous crimes.

He also asked the Sindh government to formulate a policy on distributing state land in the riverine area among local women and providing ownership rights to the local population.

Mr Bhutto-Zardari also reaffirmed the PPP's policy of zero tolerance towards any form of violence against minorities, women, and children.

IG's statistics on crimes

The Sindh IG briefed the meeting on the performance of law enforcement in the northern districts of Sindh from March 2024 to March 2025.

The statistics revealed that 87 dacoits were killed, and 298 were injured. Five wanted dacoits were killed, and 12 were arrested. The police also rescued 534 kidnapping victims, said the statement citing the Sindh IG briefing.

The PPP chairman called for the strengthening of the police's Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD), which had "conducted 2,225 intelligence-based operations, arrested 208 terrorists and killed four".

The CM Shah informed the meeting participants that the government had allocated direct budgets to police stations and provided Rs6 billion this year to improve their operations.

Home Minister Zia Lanjar provided an update on highway security, stating that 200 police personnel were now patrolling highways with 100 vehicles.

Additionally, the Sindh police had started highway patrolling as part of a broader security initiative.

Mr Bhutto-Zardari called for accelerating the pace of work on the Karachi Safe City Project.

The CM said the project was progressing and that 1,300 CCTV cameras were being installed at a cost of Rs6.62 billion. The first phase will cover high-risk areas such as the "red zone" and the airport corridor. The CCTV cameras being installed will feature

facial recognition and vehicle number plate identification capabilities, significantly enhancing security monitoring, added the statement.

(By Imran Ayub Dawn, 13, 15/03/2025)

Reckless driving claims lives of six people in city

Reckless driving claimed the lives of six citizens in different parts of the metropolis, with three victims dying in hit-and-run incidents and two bike-riders killed by trailers, police and rescue services officials said on Friday.

A young man was killed by a trailer on Mauripur Road on Thursday night. Mauripur SHO Chaudhry Aslam said that the deceased, Bashir Ahmed, 40, worked as a watchman of a hut at Hawksbay.

He was going in a Suzuki van, carrying material for a hut, when a trailer hit the van at a turning point near Muslim Kanta. The collision was so severe that Ahmed died on the spot. However, the drivers of both the trailer and the van managed to escape from the spot, leaving behind the vehicles that were taken into custody by the police.

In another incident, a 30-year-old man was killed while another man critically injured when a trailer hit their bike near Qayyumabad Bridge on Thursday night, said an Edhi Foundation spokesperson. The body and injured were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) where their identity could not be ascertained immediately.

Heavy vehicles run over, kill two in Mauripur and Qayyumabad

Meanwhile, an Edhi Foundation spokesperson said that two men were critically injured in an accident near Nasir Jump in Korangi on Thursday evening. They were taken to the JPMC where one of them, identified as Immanuel Shahbaz, 18, died during treatment on Friday afternoon.

DIG-Traffic Pir Mohammed Shah told Dawn that the newly established Karachi Road Accidents Analysis Team (Kraat) on Friday had started analysing the causes of the accidents and the first incident dealt by it pertained to the accident near Frere Hall.

He said a Bykea rider was carrying a passenger when an unknown vehicle hit them near the Japan Consulate on early Friday morning. The bike hit the footpath and both the motorcyclists fell and were badly injured. They were taken to the JPMC where the passenger was pronounced dead.

Civil Lines SHO Khan Mohammed Bhatti said the identity of the deceased could not be ascertained immediately while the condition of the Bykea rider was stated to be out of danger.

The DIG said that in another incident, a pedestrian was killed in a hit-and-run incident in Liaquatabad late on Thursday night. Sharifabad SHO Mehar Yusuf identified the deceased as Mohammed Shahid. He said he was crossing the road when an unknown vehicle hit and killed him.

In yet another incident, a man riding a motorcycle was hit by an unknown vehicle on Northern Bypass. DIG Shah said a witness told the police that a bus was involved in the incident. Manghopir SHO Imran Ahmed Khan identified the deceased as Wali Deedar.

The DIG traffic said they categorise such accidents as rash and negligent. He said Kraat has started to analyse the causes of the accidents. It was a 'pain-staking process' to determine the causes of the fatal accidents, said DIG Shah.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 14, 15/03/2025)

Killer traffic

MYSTERIOUS and unstoppable. It is these words that perhaps best describe the recent surge in traffic-related accidents in Karachi, which has also caught the attention of the chairman of the ruling party in the province. With citizens of the port city perishing at the hands of reckless drivers seemingly on a daily basis, PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has reportedly instructed the Sindh government to go "all out" to curb further incidents. But what does "all out" mean? The Karachi police have so far appeared helpless when it comes to containing the menace. They also have no plausible explanation to offer for the sudden and inexplicable rise in the incidence of deadly accidents. While the city police have set up an official body to analyse road accidents, perhaps they should be looking inward as well.

It does not seem unreasonable to assume that the roots of the problem may lie in routine policing and regulatory failures metastasizing over the years into a major public safety issue. The enforcement of traffic regulations has, after all, been traditionally lax in the city, while the standard for issuing driver's licences has also never been strict enough. The result is that there now seems to be a worryingly large number of people behind the wheel who lack adequate road sense or the capacity to responsibly operate their vehicles. Those on the road also often seem to lack respect for traffic police. The rampant 'chai paani' culture has allowed people to view traffic rules and regulations as 'optional' since there are very rarely any serious consequences for breaking them. Therefore, while the police are free to explore other reasons for the recent rise in traffic fatalities, they must also acknowledge these systemic failings and address them. Public anger has been brewing at the unchecked death toll. The police must respond with immediate and visible action. Otherwise, this situation could turn ugly.

(By Editorial, Dawn, 06, 17/03/2025)

Heavy vehicles claim lives of two bike-riders; cement mixer torched

An angry mob set a heavy vehicle on fire after it ran over and killed a motorcyclist in Gulistan-i-Jauhar in the small hours of Friday morning, police and rescue services officials said.



Gulshan SP Ahmed Iqbal Memon told Dawn that an apparently recklessly driven cement mixer hit the pillion riders near Perfume Chowk. As a result, one man, identified as Shayan, was killed while another person was injured. The incident angered area people who set the vehicle on fire.

A Rescue-1122 official told Dawn that the vehicle was completely destroyed in the blaze.

SP Memon said the errant driver was arrested.

In another incident, a trailer killed a bike-rider in Liaquatabad within the remit of the Sharifabad police station.

Shopkeeper shot dead in New Karachi over non-payment of protection money: police

Central SSP Zeeshan Shafiq Siddiqi told Dawn that Haider Ali Qureshi was riding a motorcycle when a 22-wheeler trailer hit him on the Liaquatabad flyover near the Sindh Government Hospital. He suffered critical injuries and was taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital (ASH) where doctors pronounced him dead.

The errant driver, identified as Fazal Subhan, had been arrested, added the SSP.

The police had registered an FIR against the driver on complaint of the victim's wife, Lubna, under sections 320 (unintentional murder by rash or negligent driving) and 427 (mischief causing damage) of the Pakistan Penal Code.

Shopkeeper killed over extortion

A shopkeeper was shot dead while two others were wounded by armed men over their refusal to pay protection money in New Karachi on Friday evening during Iftar, police and hospital officials said.

They added that people were breaking fast in a market in New Karachi-5 when armed pillion riders arrived there and opened fire, resulting in bullet injuries to three persons. The suspects fled after the incident.

The wounded men were taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital where Abdul Jabbar, 45, was declared dead, said police surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed.

The deceased had sustained bullet wounds on his head. Two other wounded persons, Ihtisham Fareed, 18, and Babuddin Rahim, 58, were admitted for treatment.

Bilal Colony SHO Israr Afridi told Dawn the incident was related to extortion and the real target was Jabbar. The son of the deceased was also shot at and wounded around 15-20 days ago by extortionists, the officer added.

The SHO said two suspects were already arrested in the case. Meanwhile, the Central SSP visited the crime scene and also met with relatives of the deceased at the hospital.

(By Imtiaz Ali Dawn, 13, 22/03/2025)

Tanker mows down pregnant woman, husband; newborn dies minutes later

In a heart-wrenching incident, a pregnant woman gave birth to her son minutes after she and her husband were run over and killed by a fast-moving water tanker in the Malir Halt area on Monday. The newborn, however, could not survive, police and rescuers said.

They said that Abdul Qayyum, 25, was taking his full-term pregnant wife, Zainab, to a doctor for check-up on his motorcycle when the fatal incident took place on the junction of Malir Halt and Sharea Faisal.

Korangi-SSP Mohammed Tariq Nawaz said that the woman gave birth to a baby after the tragic accident, but the infant could not survive.

DIG-Traffic Pir Mohammed Shah told Dawn the water tanker heading towards Sharea Faisal from Model Colony hit a motorcycle after its brakes failed. As a result, the motorcyclist and his pillion wife suffered critical injuries and died on the spot.

Afaq, MQM-P blame govt indifference for rise in fatalities involving heavy vehicles

Witnesses and police said that the woman gave birth on the main road before breathing her last. The bodies of the newborn and his father and mother were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for medico-legal formalities.

Police Surgeon Summaiya Syed said that the mother was badly crushed in the accident, but there was no injury mark on her baby's body.

The DIG said traffic police officials present there caught the driver responsible and seized the tanker.

In another incident, another man, identified as Asif, 32, was run over and killed by a heavy vehicle in the Quaidabad area.

The police surgeon said the body was brought to the JPMC for medico-legal formalities.

Parties blame govt for rise in fatal accidents

The incident sparked an outcry on social media, with citizens expressing anger over the deaths and criticising the provincial government for failure to curb the rising fatal accidents on the city's roads.

Political parties also came on hard on the authorities for not doing anything to stop the reckless driving by heavy vehicles.

MNA Asiya Ishaq of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) condemned the deaths and expressed her anger over the situation. She said tanker and dumper drivers in the city have "crossed all limits" by challenging the government's authority and reckless driving.

Similarly, Mohajir Qaumi Movement chairman Afaq Ahmed said that heavy vehicles are crushing the citizens of Karachi but the authorities are doing nothing. "These are not accidents; they are transport killings. If we raise our voices about this, we are made the culprits," he said.

Mr Ahmed warned that if the government is not willing to listen, his party will "launch a peaceful protest movement in accordance with the law after Eid," to resolve the issue.

(By Imtiaz Ali and Waqas Ali Ranjha Dawn, 13, 25/03/2025)

Witness recalls crash that killed couple, unborn child

An eyewitness recounted heart-rending details of a tragic road crash in which a recklessly driven water tanker mowed down a young man and his pregnant wife and caused premature birth of their baby who also died on the spot.

The young couple, identified as Abdul Qayum and his wife Zainab and residents of Malir Cantt, were returning home after a pre-delivery check-up at Kohi Goth Hospital when the accident happened near Malir Halt Flyover in Model Colony.

"We, me and my wife, were riding past Malir Halt on our motorcycle when the tragic accident happened," eyewitness Mashkoor Khan said while speaking exclusively to The Express Tribune.

"My wife was the first to spot the recklessly driven water tanker coming from the wrong side of the road," he recalled. "I also saw it as it brushed against three or four vehicles before running over a sidewalk and crushing a motorcycle-borne couple."

Khan shuddered with horror as he recalled how the tanker dragged the motorcycle under its massive wheels for a considerable distance. "The woman's body was torn, womb split, and unborn baby hanging onto umbilical cord," he said sending chills down this scribe's spine.

Two elderly women passersby rushed to cover the fatally injured woman and cut the umbilical cord in an effort to save the baby which was breathing. "I requested an onlooker to rush the newborn to the nearest hospital to save its life," Khan recalled. "I followed the man to the hospital, but unfortunately the doctors couldn't save the baby."

A video clip has gone viral on social media which shows a motorcyclist at the crash site rushing with a baby to hospital as onlookers scream in shock. The couple had already died on the spot.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 26/03/2025)

Driver who killed couple on Sharea Faisal turns out to be underage

The car driver who ran over and killed a couple on Sharea Faisal a day ago was found to be an underage boy who did not possess a driving licence.

This has been stated in a report prepared by the traffic police's newly established Karachi Road Accidents Analysis Team (Kraat).

The report said that the tragic accident highlighted "the urgent need for improved traffic law enforcement, better road safety infrastructure, and public awareness," adding that immediate steps must be taken to implement stricter policies to prevent similar fatal accidents on Karachi's roads.

On March 26, a white Toyota Altis had collided with a motorcycle, as a result of which a young couple on the two-wheeler was badly injured and later on died during treatment at a hospital. The deceased were identified as Ayaz, 30, and his wife Aqsa, 25.

Initial findings suggested the car was being driven at excessive speed of approximately 120 km/h. "The accident occurred post-Iftar, a time when Sharea Faisal experiences reduced traffic volume, which may have contributed to high-speed driving," the report said.

It added that the motorcycle was in the designated bike lane when the car veered from the fast lane to the extreme left, resulting in the collision.

The 17-year-old was involved in speeding as well, analysis shows

The car and the underage driver, Aneeq Ayaz, 17, were handed over to the Sharea Faisal police for further legal proceedings. "The held driver did not possess a driving license or CNIC, making him ineligible to operate a motor vehicle," said the report.

However, the driver in his statement to the police claimed that he "lost control due to tyre issue," but the report said this needs confirmation from the Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI), adding that it was "unclear whether the tyre burst before or after impact."

The experts also noted with concern that "motorcycle riders were not wearing helmets, which could have contributed to the severity of their injuries."

Regarding road condition, the report said "the lane markings on the road are faded, and there were no visible speed limit signboards at the accident location," adding that the lack thereof may have contributed to unsafe driving behaviour.

The Kraat said legal and safety measures were violated when the car was entrusted to an underage driver, which was a violation of traffic laws, thus the responsibility lies with the owner of the vehicle.

The Kraat report has suggested a host of recommendations to prevent accidents such as enforcement of traffic laws, strict action against individuals allowing underage and unlicensed drivers to operate vehicles and imposition of fines.
(By Imtiaz Ali Dawn, 13, 28/03/2025)

Trailer kills teenage motorcyclist on Karachi's Northern Bypass

Reckless driving claimed life of another teenage boy in Surjani Town on Thursday evening, police said.

Surjani SHO Ghulam Husain Pirzada said that five friends riding two motorcycles were on their way for a picnic at Hub River. When they reached a petrol pump on Northern Bypass near Manghopir, a trailer truck hit their bikes. As a result, 17-year-old Awas was critically injured. He was taken to a hospital where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

The driver responsible for the incident fled from the scene along with the heavy vehicle. The deceased was a resident of Gulshan-i-Maymar.

PMA seeks action against 'inefficient' traffic officers

Condemning the persistent failure of the government to enforce traffic rules — resulting in the loss of precious lives and road injuries on a daily basis — the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) on Thursday demanded strict action against "inefficient and corrupt traffic officials" following a transparent investigation into their cases.

According to media reports, 207 people — 185 men, 11 women, two young girls and nine children — have lost their lives in road accidents across Karachi this year, while over 900 people have been injured, including more than 100 women.

The MPA attributed the alarming situation to the complete failure of the responsible traffic authorities to discharge their duties effectively.

It demanded an impartial investigation into the alleged corruption and a thorough inquiry into reports of bribery within the traffic police, followed by swift disciplinary action against those found guilty.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 28/03/2025)

Heavy vehicle kills motorcyclist at Karachi's Port Qasim

A reckless trailer driver ran over and killed a young man near Port Qasim on Thursday evening, police and rescue services officials said.

Shah Latif Town SHO Mohammed Ameen Khoso told *Dawn* that Moharram Ali, 25, was on his bike when the trailer hit and ran over him at Port Qasim Chowrangi.

He suffered critical injuries and was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Police surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed said the deceased had sustained extensive "crush injuries" to his head and upper torso. SHO Khoso said the errant driver, Rustam Ali, was arrested and the heavy vehicle impounded.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 04/04/2025)

Woman opens fire after trailer hits her car

A routine traffic dispute took a dramatic turn late Friday night in PIB Colony when a woman, enraged after a trailer truck collided with her car, pulled out a gun and fired shots into the air. The shocking outburst prompted police to arrest both the truck driver and the woman involved.

According to the complainant, ASI Sher Ahmad, he was on patrol duty when he observed a trailer truck and a car speeding near Isa Nagri cut at around 1am on Friday.

During this time, the truck driver attempted to overtake the car but ended up colliding with it, causing damage to the car. In retaliation, the woman exited her vehicle, drew a pistol, and fired shots into the air in a fit of rage.

The police arrested the truck driver, Zafar Iqbal, and also took the woman, Alisha into custody. They seized a 9mm pistol, a loaded magazine, and nine live rounds from her. When asked for her weapon licence, Alisha produced it on the spot, and the police took it into their possession along with both vehicles.

Subsequently, both the truck driver and the woman were transported to the police station. The police registered a case against the truck driver under sections 279 and 427 for reckless driving and carelessness.

The woman was charged under section 337-H for firing shots into the air. The PIB Colony police filed the case and handed it over to the Investigation Police for further inquiry.

The SHO of PIB Colony, Ashfaq, stated that the woman's weapon licence was issued in Quetta but had expired in 2024. The Investigation Police presented both the woman and the truck driver before court, where they were remanded to jail custody.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 06/04/2025)

'Reckless driving' claims toddler's life

A toddler was crushed under a wagon near Jamali Bridge on Super Highway, in front of his mother's eyes on Wednesday. The driver's alleged recklessness claimed the life of two-and-a-half-year-old Farhan. The driver and cleaner responsible for the accident fled the scene.

Chhipa volunteers took the deceased child's body to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital.

The incident occurred near the D7 bus stop on Superhighway, Jamali Bridge. The mother was trying to get off the wagon with her son, Farhan, when the driver, in a hurry, drove the vehicle, resulting in the child being run over. His mother, covered in blood, rushed him to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital in an ambulance.

Chhipa Foundation spokesperson Chaudhry Shahid said the deceased child's mother stated she was a resident of Landhi Majid Colony and had come to visit her mother, who lived near Jamali Bridge. The mother said she was trying to get off the Mazda with her son when the inexperienced driver, in a hurry, drove the vehicle, resulting in her child being run over and killed.

The site's Super Highway police said the driver and cleaner responsible for the accident fled the scene. However, the police arrived, took control of the Mazda, and shifted it to the police station. According to Chhipa authorities, the deceased child's body was handed over to his family in Landhi Majid Colony after due procedure, while the police are further investigating the incident.

According to statistics released by Chhipa authorities on traffic accidents, a total of 255 people have died in various accidents in the city in 2025, including 195 men, 26 women, 26 boys, and eight girls. In 2025, a total of 3,438 people were injured in traffic accidents, including 2,795 men, 475 women, 127 boys, and 41 girls. In the past 99 days, the number of people killed in accidents involving heavy vehicles has reached 79.

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Trailer runs over, kills ex-armyman in Karachi's Korangi

A former armyman was run over and killed by a fast-moving trailer in Korangi on Wednesday evening, police and hospital officials said.

They said that the victim was a retired lance naik and currently working with a pharmaceutical company as a security supervisor.

Korangi Industrial Area SHO Mohammed Ali Niazi said that Mohammed Adnan Khan, 41, was riding a motorcycle when a trailer hit him at Vita Chowrangi. He suffered critical injuries and died on the spot.

The incident angered area people, who pelted the trailer with stones.

Korangi SSP Tariq Nawaz said in a statement that the police handled the situation and managed to pacify the mob.

He said trailer driver, identified as Alam Zeb, was arrested and the vehicle impounded.

The body was shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for medico-legal formalities.

Meanwhile, a young man was found shot dead near the Malir river within the remit of the Shah Latif Town police station on Wednesday afternoon.

Area SHO Mohammed Ameen Khoso said that the deceased was identified as Pir Bux, 24, a resident of the adjoining area of Shafi Goth. The corpse was shifted to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for legal formalities.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 10/04/2025)

Truck driver kills young motorcyclist in Sharafi Goth

A reckless truck driver run down and killed a young motorcyclist in Sharafi Goth on Wednesday night.

Area police SHO Sadaruddin Mirani said that Moosa Khan was riding his bike when the trailer truck ran over and killed him near Murtaza Chowrangi.

He said driver Mohammed Safdar was arrested after the incident. The heavy vehicle was also impounded by the police.

The body was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for medico-legal formalities.

The officer said the police were waiting for the victim's relatives to lodge an FIR to initiate formal legal proceedings.

Woman killed for 'honour'

A married woman was killed allegedly by her husband in the name of "honour" off Superhighway on Thursday.

SITE Superhighway Industrial Area police said that Pari, 40, was strangled to death allegedly by her husband Ghulam Ali Bugti in their home in Shahbaz Goth on Northern Bypass.

The police said the incident appeared to be an outcome of "honour-killing".

The suspect managed to escape from the spot after the murder. The body was taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 11/04/2025)

4-year-old killed by water tanker while playing

A four-year-old child was crushed to death by a water tanker near Abidabad Ground in Baldia Town on Saturday. The driver fled the scene with the vehicle immediately after the incident.

According to police, the child, identified as Affan, was playing in the ground when the tanker ran him over. His body was initially taken to a nearby private hospital, where his death was confirmed. It was then transferred to Civil Hospital via an Edhi ambulance for medico-legal formalities.

Affan's uncle, Abdul Qadir Khan, told reporters that the child was on school vacation and playing with other children in the area when the accident occurred.

He added that Affan was the second of three siblings and that his father is currently working in Dubai.

Khan also expressed deep frustration over the growing presence of water tankers in the area, claiming that the operators have taken over the playground, making it dangerous for children.

"The playground has become a parking lot-our children are no longer safe," he said. He appealed to the authorities to take immediate action and demanded the arrest of the responsible driver.

Following the post-mortem and legal procedures at Civil Hospital, police handed over Affan's body to his grieving family.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 05, 13/04/2025)

Water tanker runs over, kills child

A minor boy was ran over and killed by a water tanker in Baldia Town on Saturday, police and rescue services officials said.

Area SHO Imran Saad said that four-year-old Mohammed Affan was playing outside his home in Abidabad near Rana Ground when a water tanker hit him. He died on the spot.

The driver responsible for the fatal accident left his vehicle and managed to escape.

He said the incident angered area people, who tried to damage the heavy vehicle but the police prevented them.

The body was shifted to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi for medico-legal formalities.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 13/04/2025)

Three teens killed in road tragedies

Three teenage boys were killed in traffic accidents in different areas of the city, while a young man was left injured.

A speeding car lost control near Malir Link Road and crashed into a tree, killing one youth and injuring another. The deceased was shifted to Fatima Baqai Hospital for formalities, and identified as 18-year-old Ahmed. The injured individual was identified as 25-year-old Sher Muhammad and is being provided medical assistance.

Meanwhile, a teenage boy died in a traffic accident near Quaidabad Murghi Khana Bridge, and was shifted to Jinnah Hospital, identified as 14-year-old Rehan. The deceased was reportedly a passerby, and the accident occurred due to a speeding vehicle.

Further, a young biker died in an accident near Bhains Colony Mor when he was hit by an unknown vehicle. He was shifted to Jinnah Hospital for post-mortem and identified as 18-year-old Aamir. Police are further investigating the incidents.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 13/04/2025)

Mob torches SUV after pedestrian dies in accident

A passer-by was killed and another injured when a sports utility vehicle (SUV) hit them in Gulshan-i-Iqbal on Sunday evening, police and rescuers said.



The incident angered locals, who beat the driver responsible for the accident and set his Toyota Fortuner on fire.

The police said that the vehicle gutted completely by the time firefighters arrived at the scene.

Gulshan-i-Iqbal SHO Mohammed Naeem Rajput told Dawn that the SUV driver hit some passers-by near Maskan Chowrangi, causing critical injuries to at least two of them.

They were taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital where doctors pronounced one of them dead on arrival.

Police Surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed told Dawn that the identity of the deceased could not be ascertained immediately. She said he was in his early 20s. The injured man was identified as Zeeshan Saleem, 42, and he was admitted for treatment.

CCTV footage that went viral on social media showed enraged people beating the driver and damaging the car before setting it on fire.

The area SHO said that the driver was arrested. He said two other persons were also taken into custody.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 14/04/2025)

Domestic help dies, two hurt in gas explosion in Clifton house

A teenage housemaid was killed while the homeowner and a woman suffered burn injuries in a gas explosion in their kitchen in Clifton on Friday, police and rescue services officials said.

Clifton SHO Irfan Meo said that a gas leakage inside the kitchen set off an explosion when someone lit a matchstick.

Rescue-1122 spokesperson Hassaan Khan told Dawn that they responded to an emergency call and managed to control the fire. However, the whole kitchen, one room and a balcony of the house were badly damaged.

The victims were taken to the Burns Ward of the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi where doctors pronounced Kulsoom, 17, dead on arrival. Dr Sidra Ghafoor, 25, and Fayaz Mumtaz, 50, were admitted for treatment.

The area SHO said that the woman was discharged after first aid while Fayaz, the homeowner, was admitted for treatment.

Body stuffed in bag found

The body of a man was found stuffed in a suitcase in Shah Latif Town on Friday evening, police said.

Area SHO Mohammed Ameen Khoso told Dawn that the bag containing the body was recovered from a garbage dump.

The corpse was shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for medico-legal formalities and identification.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 19/04/2025)

Five killed in deadly road crashes

Deadly road crashes in different areas of the metropolis claimed five lives on Saturday, the police and rescue officials said.

As per details, a speeding trailer overturned and plunged into a deep ditch near a petrol pump on Northern Bypass, within the jurisdiction of Gadap City police station after the driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle, resulting in his death and injuries to the cleaner.

Rescuers shifted the victims to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital where the deceased was identified as 45-year-old Riaz, the driver of the trailer, while the injured was identified as 30-year-old Mazhar Hussain. Both hailed from Punjab.

Separately, a 30-year-old pedestrian was run over by an unidentified vehicle near Toll Plaza on Superhighway. The body was shifted to the Chhipa morgue for identification.

Another fatal hit-and-run occurred at Main Chowrangi in Liaquatabad late Friday night. An elderly man was critically injured after being struck by an unidentified vehicle. He succumbed to his injuries at JPMC. Nothing was found to identify the deceased. His body was shifted to the morgue.

A young motorcyclist was killed and his pillion rider injured when a university bus hit the two-wheeler in North Karachi. The deceased was identified as 17-year-old Zaman while the injured youth was identified as 18-year-old Amir. Bus driver fled the scene.

One person died and another sustained injuries, when a speeding Suzuki pickup overturned near the main gate of a private housing society on Superhighway.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 20/04/2025)

Infant dies, seven hurt as water tanker hits van in Karachi's Gulshan-i-Hadeed

An infant boy was killed while seven others, including six women, were injured when a water tanker hit a van in Gulshan-i-Hadeed on Wednesday evening, police and rescue services officials said.

Steel Town SHO Alan Khan Abbasi told *Dawn* that the heavy vehicle hit the van near Aljannat marriage hall.

The killed child was identified as one-and-a-half-year-old Sahil Naeem. The injured were Asif Barkat, 30, Bakhtawar Faisal, 17, Erum, 26, Aziza Ghazi Khan, 50, Kamala Husain, 50, Sakeena Naeem, 35, and Naeema, 22.

The officer said that the accident occurred apparently due to speeding. However, the police were further investigating the case.

The SHO claimed that the driver responsible for the incident was arrested and the tanker seized.

The body and injured were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre.

Police Surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed told *Dawn* that the condition of two women was critical as they had sustained serious injuries.

Meanwhile, police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested a man and his daughter for their alleged involvement in a robbery case.

Central SSP Zeeshan Shafiq Siddiqi said the New Karachi police arrested a suspect who used his daughter to snatch a motorcycle at gunpoint. He added that they were arrested with the help of CCTV footage.

The suspect was identified as Bilal Siraj and his daughter as Shumaila.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 24/04/2025)

Truck runs over pregnant woman, husband

A young couple, Abdul Qayum and his wife Zainab, were expecting their first child after Eidul Fitr but a driver speeding his water bowser ran over their motorcycle, killing the would-be parents and their unborn child near Malir Halt Flyover in Model Colony.



The truck driver dragged the bike under his vehicle killing Qayum on the spot. Zainab, lying in a pool of blood, in her death throes, gave birth to a child, who also died later.

Witnesses described the accident as horrifying, with onlookers screaming in shock. A video clip surfaced on social media, showing a passerby attempting to save the newborn's life by rushing it to a hospital.

This deadly crash brings the total number of traffic accident fatalities in the city so far this year to 214. Heavy vehicles have claimed 68 lives in 83 days, including 17 from dumper collisions, 24 from trailer collisions, 14 from water tanker collisions,

five from Mazda-truck collisions, and eight from bus collisions.

Incensed by the heart-rending accident, a crowd of onlookers at the scene vented their anger, pelting stones at the water tanker, breaking its windows and lights. The driver was caught, tortured, and handed over to police, who also apprehended the tanker's helper and confiscated the vehicle.

The deceased husband, 28-year-old Abdul Qayyum, and his wife Zainab were residents of Malir Cantt. They had visited Kohi Goth Hospital for a check-up and were returning home when the accident occurred. Abdul Qayyum was an employee of the Cantonment Board Malir.

The grieving family appealed to the government to take strict action against reckless tanker drivers. They demanded that tankers and dumpers be allowed to operate only after midnight to prevent such horrific accidents.

A video clip making the rounds on social media shows a citizen running towards the hospital, carrying the newborn in an attempt to save the new life.

According to statistics released by the Chhipa authorities, 214 people have lost their lives in traffic accidents this year, including 162 men, 23 women, 22 children, and seven girls. A total of 2,783 people were injured in traffic accidents, including 2,292 men, 367 women, 95 children, and 29 girls.

The news of the accident sparked widespread grief and anger among the families of the deceased and locals, who demanded practical steps from the government to prevent deadly accidents involving heavy vehicles.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 25/04/2025)

Child run over by donkey cart loaded with iron rods

A three-year-old child was killed while his uncle injured in an accident in Baldia-2 on Thursday afternoon, police and rescue services officials said.

Site-B SHO Sajjad Khan Afridi said the victims were on a motorcycle when a donkey cart, loaded with protruding iron rods, collided with them near a traffic post. As a result, Abdul Samad, 3, was run over by the cart and died on the spot while his uncle, Abdul Wahab, sustained injuries.

They were shifted to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi.

The family told the police they did not want any legal proceedings, the SHO added.

Truck driver runs over, kills man at Port Qasim

A recklessly driven truck claimed the life of a pedestrian, who was also a truck driver, in Port Qasim early on Thursday morning.

Bin Qasim SHO Tahir Qadri said the victim, Murad Husain, 62, was killed at Port Qasim Chowrangi bridge. The driver responsible for the incident was arrested and the heavy vehicle impounded.

Meanwhile, two men, Sameer Ahmed, 28, and Jehanzeb, 26, were injured in a collision between a van and trailer on Hub River Road near Suparco Cut, said Saeedabad SHO Idris Bangash.

They were shifted to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi where their condition was stated to be out of danger, he added.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 03, 02/05/2025)

Four killed, 25 injured as bus overturns

Four people, including two women, lost their lives and at least 25 others were injured when a speeding passenger bus overturned on the Gulshan-e-Hadeed Link Road while travelling from Hyderabad to Karachi.

According to police, the driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to flip and injure many of the passengers onboard. Officers quoting the passengers said that the fatal road crash occurred at 6:30 am on Link Road Kathore towards the National Highway near the Samandari Baba Shrine. The driver dozed off and the bus veered off the road and overturned, they said.

Rescue teams, police, and local residents rushed to the scene upon receiving information of the accident. The injured were shifted to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) and a private hospital via ambulances.

The deceased were identified as 35-year-old Kausar, 60-year-old Pana, 59-year-old Abdul Ghafoor, and 25-year-old Ghulam Fareed. All were residents of different areas and were reportedly en route to Karachi from Hyderabad. Police said the bodies would be handed over to their families after the completion of legal formalities.

In a separate incident, a man was killed after being hit by a speeding vehicle near Chakar Hotel on the Super Highway. Rescue workers shifted the body to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. The deceased was identified as 30-year-old Elahi Bakhsh, son of Mithal, a resident of the Chakar Hotel area. Police later handed over the body to his heirs.

Meanwhile, two more people, including a woman, died in separate traffic accidents involving heavy vehicles.

In the Korangi Industrial Area, a speeding water tanker rammed into a motorcycle near the Korangi Crossing river. As a result, 40-year-old Rehana, who was riding the motorcycle, died on the spot while her husband sustained injuries. Both were shifted to JPMC for treatment.

Following the accident, enraged residents of Korangi set the water tanker on fire and assaulted the vehicle's cleaner, leaving him seriously injured. The injured cleaner was also taken to JPMC for medical aid.

Police, traffic officials, and Rangers reached the site and called in the fire brigade, which managed to douse the flames. However, the front section of the tanker was completely burnt. DSP Traffic Korangi, Shabbir Memon, told The Express Tribune that the deceased woman and her husband were domestic workers and were travelling from Korangi to Defence when the incident occurred.

In yet another incident, a motorcyclist was killed and another was injured after a trailer hit their motorcycle near the Ghaghar Phatak U-turn, within the limits of the Bin Qasim Town police station. Rescue teams rushed both men to a nearby hospital. The deceased was identified as 38-year-old Sawab Khan, and the injured as 35-year-old Manzoor Hussain.

Meanwhile, 35-year-old Saiqa Bibi was crushed to death by a speeding tanker while she was crossing a road with her two women companions near Superhighway on Friday night.

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Mob torches tanker in Karachi after woman dies in accident

A woman was killed and her husband injured when a water tanker hit their motorcycle and ran them over in Korangi on Friday, police said.



The fatal incident sparked public outrage as an angry mob set the water tanker on fire.

The police said that the driver responsible for the incident managed to flee.

DIG-Traffic Pir Mohammed Shah told *Dawn* that at around 10:10am, a loaded water tanker, driven recklessly by an unidentified driver, struck a motorcycle. As a result, Mushtaq, 52, and his wife Rehana, 48, were critically injured.

They were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where Rehana died during treatment. The condition of her husband was reported to be out of danger.

The DIG claimed that initial findings suggested reckless driving by the tanker driver was the main cause of the accident. However, he said, a preliminary technical assessment also indicated negligence on the part of the motorcyclist, who overtook the tanker from the left side, which is considered a blind spot for heavy vehicles.

Truck hits bike

A man was killed and another injured when a truck hit a motorcycle on National Highway on Friday, police said.

Bin Qasim SHO Tahir Qadri said that the pillion riders were hit by the truck near Ghaghar Phatak. As a result, the rider, identified as Sawab Khan, 30, died on the spot while Manzoor Khan, 25, was critically injured. The police had arrested the errant driver, Naseer Ahmed, and seized the truck, the SHO added.

Preliminary inspection revealed that the trailer had no documents such as fitness certificate or transport permit.

Meanwhile, a passenger died after a Datsun van collided with a stationary trailer on M.M. Alam Road in the Malir Cantonment area.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 03/05/2025)

Water tankers culprits in road accidents

Karachi's artificial water crisis has been the talk of the town since years. With an expanding urban population and a limited availability of water, more and more citizens are forced to buy their rightful share of water from tankers.

However, what came as a solution to the water crisis has become a crisis of its own, as speeding water tankers continue to claim lives.

One such tragic incident was the Malir Halt accident, where a water tanker driver lost control of the vehicle which drifted onto the opposite road, hitting a motorcycle. The accident claimed the lives of a man and his pregnant wife.

The baby, who was born later, could not survive either.

Apart from this family, another motorcyclist was also injured in the accident.

According to sources of The Express Tribune, during the past four months, 24 people have lost their lives in road accidents involving a water tanker.

Mohsin Raza, General Secretary of the People's Labour Union of the Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KWSC), made serious allegations against the top officials of the KWSC for instigating an artificial water crisis in the city.

"Due to the high demand for water, a water tanker driver works for about 24 hours a day, for a commission of Rs400 to Rs500 per trip, which lures the driver to try to take more trips.

A driver makes 5 to 7 trips daily. All these issues are a clear violation of labour laws and are the main reason why drivers lose concentration and accidents occur.

If the Water Corporation mends its ways, improves valve operation and the system of the drains, the artificial water crisis in the city will end, tanker trips will be reduced and traffic accidents will also be controlled," claimed Raza.

Regional Planner Dr Syed Nawaz Al-Hadi opined that if good governance was established in the city, then the water crisis could be resolved.

"The Sindh government should take strict action against corrupt officials in the Water Corporation. Nowhere in the world and even in Pakistan, would you find water tankers operating under a regular industrial system.

Therefore, tankers should be immediately eliminated from Karachi and citizens should be given water through the lines," said Dr Al-Huda.

Syed Sardar Shah, in-charge of the Hydrants Cell of the Water Corporation, affirmed that they were taking vigorous steps to further improve the water supply and drainage system across the city. "Legal action is being taken by the police against the driver involved in the Malir Halt accident, while the tanker owners have also paid diyat (compensation money) to the affected family after the accident.

We do not expect any driver to drive tankers for 24 hours. The driver involved in the Malir Halt accident was a private driver," said Shah.

National Trade Union Federation General Secretary Nasir Mansoor claimed that under labour laws, no worker can be compelled to work more than 8 hours. "Two hours of overtime is acceptable with the permission of the employees, but it will have to be paid in full," said Mansoor.

(By Syed Ashraf Ali The Express Tribune, 04, 05/05/2025)

Three hurt as police vehicle overturns in Karachi's Korangi

Three policemen were injured when a fast-moving police vehicle overturned in Korangi on Tuesday, police said.

Awami Colony SHO Abdul Sattar Magsi said the vehicle, which was part of a senior police officer's security squad, overturned near Singer Chowrangi apparently due to over-speeding.

Three policemen — Danish Husain, 28, Iqaruddin, 25 and Mohammed Basit, 25 — sustained minor injuries.

The vehicle was also damaged in the incident.

Meanwhile, a man was shot at and wounded by robbers near Saba Avenue in DHA on Tuesday evening. The victim was identified as Fahmeed Shaikh, 41.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 07/05/2025)

SHC sets aside directives for Sindh govt to pay diyat to heirs of accident victims

The Sindh High Court (SHC) has set aside a sessions court order directing the provincial government to pay diyat to the legal heirs of two persons died in a traffic accident.

In 2023, the Sindh prosecutor general had filed an appeal before the SHC against the 2022 order of an additional district and sessions judge (Central) who, while acquitting a driver accused of killing a woman and her son in an accident, directed the provincial government to pay diyat to the heirs of the victims.

At the outset of the hearing, an additional prosecutor general submitted before a division bench that he was not pressing the appeal against the acquittal recorded by the trial court, but pleaded to allow the same to the extent of the direction issued to the provincial government since it was not sustainable in the eyes of the law.

The bench, headed by Justice Zafar Ahmed Rajput, observed that the payment of diyat under Section 53 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) was one of the punishments which an offender was liable to pay.

Provincial govt is not liable to pay diyat in case of acquittal of accused, remark judges

"Nowhere in the PPC or any other law it has been provided that in case the accused is acquitted of the charge, the provincial government is liable to pay diyat to the legal heirs of victims," the bench observed.

"Hence, the trial court while issuing such directions to the provincial government has exceeded from its jurisdiction, therefore such directions of the trial court are set aside," it concluded.

The accused driver, Mohammad Rashid, was charged with knocking down a motorcyclist, Mohammad Amir, his wife, Sehar, and their son, Huzaifa, in 2015 while driving a vehicle within the remit of the Gulbahar police station. The woman and her son died in the accident. The sessions court had acquitted the accused after the legal heirs of the victims had forgiven him.
(By Ishaq Tanoli Dawn, 13, 11/05/2025)

Couple killed as bike rams into tanker in SITE

A man and his wife were killed when their motorcycle rammed into a stationary oil tanker in the SITE area late on Wednesday night, police said on Thursday.

They were identified as Mohammed Jameel and his wife, Nighat.

Traffic DIG Pir Mohammed Shah said the man attempted to overtake the stationary oil tanker from the left side near Siemens Chowrangi. However, the passage was quite narrow, due to which the motorcycle collided with the heavy vehicle, leading to the deaths of the couple.

The deceased had a helmet with him but he was not wearing it at the time of the accident.

The traffic police chief opined that the incident occurred mainly due to the bike rider's unsafe overtaking manoeuvre.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 16/05/2025)

Help accident victims without fear of legal trouble: IG

General of Sindh Police Ghulam Nabi Memon has expressed deep concern over the public's failure to assist SZABIST Assistant Professor Iftikhar Ahmed after a tragic road accident in the Shrafi Goth area of Malir.

The incident, captured on mobile phone videos that later circulated on social media, showed the victim trapped beneath a trailer, receiving no immediate aid from bystanders.

According to a statement issued by police spokesperson Syed Saad Ali, IG Memon said that a valuable life could have been saved had the injured professor received timely medical attention. "Helping accident victims is not just a humanitarian act - it is a moral, legal, and religious obligation for every citizen," the IG stated.

He emphasized that excessive bleeding, critical injuries, and unnecessary delays often result in fatalities that could otherwise be prevented. "Do not let the fear of legal complications stop you from helping," he urged. "Saving one life is like saving all of humanity - this is not just a good deed, it is an act of faith."

The IG further stated that remaining passive or silent in the face of such emergencies is unacceptable. "Every life matters. Step up and act - don't be a silent witness," he said.

Assuring full support from law enforcement and civic agencies, he said that citizens who help the injured are heroes and will be treated with respect and protection. "Police and civil agencies cannot fulfill their responsibilities without the active support of the public," he added. "Even a small effort can save a life - so take that step without hesitation."

The statement comes after viral footage showed Professor Iftikhar Ahmed trapped between the wheels of a trailer following an accident. The lack of immediate help sparked widespread outrage and prompted this public appeal from the province's top cop.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 02/06/2025)

Water tanker kills two motorcyclists

A recklessly driven water tanker ran over and killed two men off National Highway on Friday, police said.

Shah Latif Town SHO Sadaruddin Mirani told Dawn that two men were riding a motorcycle when the tanker hit them near Sheedi village. They sustained critical injuries and were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where doctors pronounced them dead.

The victims were identified as Munir Ahmed, 25, and Kamran Siddiq, 28.

The driver responsible for the accident managed to speed away.
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 07/06/2025)

Friends going home from food street crushed by tanker

The number of deaths in traffic accidents involving water tankers in the city has not stopped. A water tanker ran over a motorcycle near Abdullah College in North Nazimabad, resulting in the death of two youths at in the early hour of Tuesday. The people present at the scene pelted stones and broke the windows and lights of the water tanker, while the Papushnagar police reached the scene and saved the water tanker from burning.

The people held the driver responsible for the accident and tortured him, who was later taken into custody by the police. The young man who died in the water tanker collision were identified as 20-year-old Muhammad Zubair and 18-year-old Ayan. The bodies of both the deceased were taken to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital in a hidden ambulance, while the Papushnagar police are investigating the incident further.

Mohammad Zubair's brother, Sarfaraz, speaking to media representatives outside the Chhipa cold storage, stated that Zubair and his friends were returning after eating at Hussainabad Food Street when they became victims of a traffic accident. He urged higher authorities to take concrete measures to control traffic accidents and prevent such incidents.

The brother of Ayaan, one of the young men who died in the accident, speaking to media representatives, said that he had visited the accident site and gathered information from people there. He was told that a car driver had given way to both young men, and then a water tanker crushed them.

After their funeral prayers, both young men who died were laid to rest in the local cemetery.

Meanwhile, a motorcyclist died in a traffic accident near Sharafi Goth. Rescue officials say that the deceased was identified as 27-year-old Sajjad. People at the scene told the ambulance driver that the accident occurred due to a collision with a water tanker. However, SHO Sharafi Goth Rao Khalid said that one person riding a motorcycle was killed and another was slightly injured when a bus hit him on Korangi Industrial Road.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 12/06/2025)

Three killed by water tanker, bus in city

Reckless and negligent driving claimed lives of three citizens in separate incidents involving heavy vehicles in the metropolis on Wednesday, police and rescue officials said.

A young man and a teenager were killed when a water tanker hit them near Government Abdullah College for Women.

Paposh Nagar SHO Shaukat Awan said the victims were on their way towards Banaras Chowk on a motorcycle when the tanker, coming from North Nazimabad bridge, hit them. As a result, Zubair Irfan, 20, and his friend Ayan Mujahid, 18, were killed.

The incident enraged area people who caught the driver of the heavy vehicle and subjected him to beating. They also attempted to torch the tanker but the police brought the situation under control.

The driver was arrested and the tanker impounded, the officer added.

The bodies were shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

In Korangi, a man was killed while another injured when a bus hit their motorcycle near Future Colony.

Sharafi Goth SHO Raja Khalid said the victims were on a motorcycle when a bus of a private company ran over them, resulting in instant death of Sajjad Ali and injuries to another person. The driver, Mohammed Yaqub, was arrested and the vehicle impounded.

The body and injured were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre.

Two die in hit-and-run accidents

In another incident, a young man was killed while his wife was injured in an accident on Superhighway.

Gadap City SHO Sarfraz Jatoti said the couple was traveling on a bike when a hit-and-run driver hit them near Kathore. The injured couple was shifted to a nearby private hospital where Ali Asghar, 28, was pronounced dead. His wife sustained minor injuries.

The officer said the relatives told the police that they did not want any legal proceedings.

Meanwhile, a policeman was killed in hit-and-run incident in Baldia Town.

Saeedabad SHO Pervez Solangi said that the policeman, Asif Mujtaba, was on his way to perform duty when an unknown vehicle hit him near SP Baldia office. He died on the spot. The body was shifted to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi for medico-legal formalities.

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Woman, minor girl killed as loaded dumper truck crushes 4x4 in Karachi

A speeding dumper truck overturned on a 4x4 vehicle on Rashid Minhas Road, killing a woman and an accompanying five-year-old girl on Thursday. Another minor girl was injured in the accident.

The two minor girls were daughters of Khurram Karim, who was driving the 4x4 vehicle. He and several other family members survived in the accident.

Sharea Faisal SHO Faisal Gul Khawaja said that six family members were on their way from their home, situated in Scheme-33, towards Sharea Faisal when an apparently speeding dumper truck laden with gravel fell on their car near COD gate. The family members were stuck up in the vehicle.

The dumper truck and gravel were removed with the help of heavy machinery to take them out, the police officer said.

He said that Mr Khurram, his wife and mother escaped unhurt in the accident.

He said Mr Khurram, his mother and wife, along with two minor daughters and his sister-in-law, were on his way to receive his brother, Kashif Karim, at the airport on his return from Saudi Arabia after performing Haj.

He said that Khurram's daughter, Ayesha, 5, and his sister-in-law Shaheena Mohammed Naeem were killed while another daughter, Anam, 3, was injured. They were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where doctors pronounced Shaheena and Ayesha dead on arrival.

Police surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed said that the deceased sustained crush injuries on their heads and other parts of the upper bodies.

The injured minor girl sustained serious injuries and was later referred to the Liaquat National Hospital for further treatment.

SHO Khawaja said that the errant driver managed to escape from the spot. The police have impounded the heavy vehicle and registered an FIR under Sections 320, 337-G and 427 of Pakistan Penal Code against the driver on the complaint of Shaheena's husband Mohammed Naeem Khan, who is a senior clerk in the DMC West at Orangi Town.

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