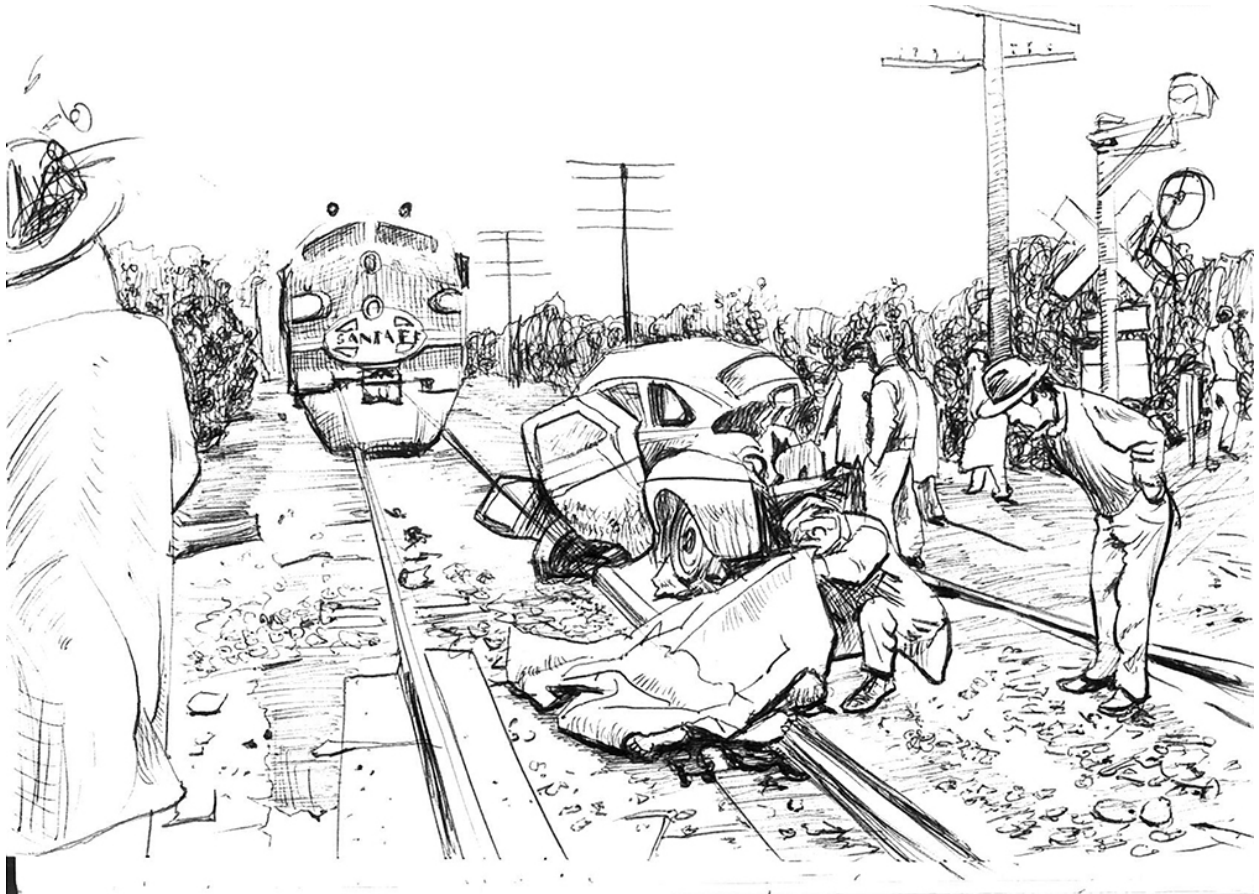


# ACCIDENT



### **Student killed by water tanker**

A seminary student was run over and killed by a fast-moving water tanker in the SITE area on Tuesday, police said.

Area SHO Imran Afridi told Dawn that 19-year-old Amir Mowavia was on his way to Jamia Binoria Aalamia in SITE on his motorcycle when a recklessly driven water tanker hit him.

He said that he fell from the bike and the tanker ran him over. He suffered critical injuries and was taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital where he died during treatment. The officer said that driver Syed Faraz was arrested and the heavy vehicle impounded. (By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 02/07/2025)

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### **Most Lyari building collapse victims belong to Hindu community**

Most victims of Friday's building collapse in Lyari's Baghdadi area belong to the Kutchi Maheshwari Meghwar Hindu community, The Express Tribune has learnt. At least 16 members of the community have died in the tragic collapse of the five-storey derelict apartment building, while more are still feared trapped beneath the rubble.

According to rescuers and community leaders, more than 20 Meghwar families lived in the building when it came crashing down early Friday morning. By Saturday evening, the bodies of 16 people, including 25-year-old Rohit and his wife Geeta, had been retrieved. Rescue efforts are ongoing, with at least four more people believed to be missing.

The final rites for the victims will be held at Kutchi Hall in Old Kumharwara, while burial will take place in the Hindu graveyard near Mowach Goth. Contrary to the widespread Hindu tradition, the Meghwar community doesn't practice cremation; instead, they bury their dead.

The tragedy has plunged the tight-knit community into mourning. Most of the victims are said to belong to the same extended family. Their bodies have been placed in cold storage at Bilquis Edhi Maternity Home on Moosa Lane, while grieving relatives have gathered at the nearby Muslim Kutchi Jamaat Khana.

Community spokesperson Reema Maheshwari confirmed that the burials would take place on Sunday. "This is a heartbreaking loss. Entire families have been wiped out," she told The Express Tribune. "We urge the authorities to support us during this difficult time."

The deceased have been identified as Dayalal Shivji, Prabai Kishan Sondha, Prantik Harsi Sondha, Prem Kishan Sondha, Vandana Kailash, Archana Vishal, Kishan Dayalal, Ayush Jamna Das, Shani Jamna Vanjora, Kailash Jamna Vanjora, Usha Kailash, Prakash Shivji, Chetan Shivji, Rohit, and Geeta.

Lakshman Moraj Bagra, President of the Kutchi Maheshwari Meghwar Panchayat, described the incident as "a catastrophe beyond words". "Families that were once vibrant and full of life have now been buried under concrete," he said, calling on the government to ensure proper rehabilitation of the affected families.

Bagra also confirmed that two women injured in the collapse are under treatment in hospital. He added that while some residents had managed to escape when signs of structural instability appeared, others who returned to collect belongings were caught in the collapse.

Maharaj Ram Nath, the chief pontiff at the Shri Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir, expressed sorrow over the tragedy and extended solidarity with the bereaved families. "This tragedy has shaken our entire community. The government must ensure that the survivors are provided alternative shelter and long-term support," he said while speaking to The Express Tribune.

Rescue operations are ongoing amid fears that more bodies may still be trapped under the debris. A formal investigation into the cause of the building collapse is yet to be announced. (By Aftab Khan The Express Tribune, 04, 06/07/2025)

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### **Structural crash**

A FIVE-storey building recently collapsed in Baghdadi, a dense neighbourhood of Lyari, killing at least 27 people and leaving many more maimed and traumatised. Several buildings have crumbled in recent years: in 2020 structures crashed in Korangi and Gulbahar, and the same tragedy befell Machhar Colony and Shah Faisal Colony in 2023, taking many lives.

These tragedies occur because countless buildings are unfit for human habitation. In Lyari alone, the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) has declared more than 107 buildings dangerous, while the exact count of similar edifices elsewhere in the city and beyond is unknown. We know that over four dozen seismic shocks shook Landhi, Korangi and their adjoining areas in the past few weeks.

Mercifully, no loss of life has been reported, but it is disappointing to watch calamities devastate underprivileged populations, especially the urban poor. Therefore, as the monsoon season gets underway, a multipronged strategy must be put in place without further delay.

The SBCA, along with municipal authorities and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority, must approach issues related to buildings declared hazardous with urgency. The authorities need to engage with the occupants through community leaders to facilitate smooth evacuation. Technical expertise and opinion must dictate the sequence of measures deployed for vulnerable buildings.

An emergency housing arrangement has to be worked out by identifying available public buildings and premises. A rapid assessment of building conditions must be carried out to identify options of possible retrofitting of buildings that can be saved. For all buildings that are completely unfit for human occupancy, a scientific demolition process may be conducted after legal and administrative prerequisites are fulfilled. An urban rehabilitation project must also be developed to initiate a rebuilding exercise.

*Construction materials must be standardised to ensure durability.*

Financial plan involving partial provincial assistance with gradual cost recovery from the occupants should be chalked out to fund this venture. Besides, some measures to increase the overall area of each abode with better amenities are equally crucial. Given our track record of construction, this entire exercise can be completed in 30 months. The provincial government, with the goal to make this a replicable pilot project for challenges in other parts of Karachi and beyond, has to provide the initial funds. Successful completion will build the public's trust in the government's commitment and interventions.

Moreover, The Sindh Building Control Ordinance, 1979, under which the SBCA was established, stipulates the presence of an oversight committee. On several occasions in the past, inclusive committees were formed. In fact, one with prominent professionals such as Roland D'Souza of Shehri and Ardeshir Cowasjee served as an effective watchdog of the metropolis's built environment. It will be in the best interest of Karachi that such a committee is reconstituted.

Instead of merely filling posts with bureaucrats — as is the case now — these should be occupied by active members of civil society as well as professionals and researchers. With the active engagement of stakeholders such as builders, contractors, occupants, service providers, consultants and others, a restructured committee can help bring building construction affairs in conformity with relevant regulations and safety mechanisms to benefit this city.

Additionally, our present building and town planning regulations need a complete overhaul. The approach of promulgating building bylaws, along with random enforcement, will not yield positive results. A pragmatic strategy must be adopted to generate effective results. An important but rarely addressed issue is the quality of building materials. The scrutiny of industrially manufactured products as well as imported materials is deficient, and house owners often end up spending more on inferior products and services.

It is time that construction products and materials were standardised to ensure durability. Cement, sand, steel, bricks and blocks fall in these categories. Many pilot projects have proved that raising the baseline quality scales of fundamental materials improves construction quality significantly. Widespread vocational training in masonry and other building skills is another key component.

Such initiatives will prove useful in upgrading the skillset of the existing labour force, and help create a new one that is more aware and engaged with the construction sector. With the incorporation of modern digital tools and progress in manufacturing and construction techniques, our ordinary residents will receive the best value for their money through quality, sustainability and skillful execution.

(By Noman Ahmed Dawn, 07, 10/07/2025)

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### **Tailor saves family of nine in miraculous escape**

Amid the horror of the Lyari building collapse that claimed 27 lives, a story of sheer instinct and courage rose from the rubble - a family of nine escaped death by a whisker, turning tragedy into a tale of survival.

The 50-year-old residential building in Baghdadi area of Lyrai came crashing down on Friday morning, reducing lives, homes, and decades of memories to dust. Amid the devastation, a tailor named Kishan, 52, became a symbol of courage and instinct when he managed to lead his wife and seven children to safety just moments before the structure caved in.

Kishan, who had lived in the building for over 40 years, sensed something was wrong when cracks began to appear and the structure trembled. Without hesitation, he rushed his entire family - residents of the fourth floor - out of the building.

"I just knew we had to get out. I didn't stop to think," Kishan told The Express Tribune. "I tried to alert others too, but most were busy gathering valuables. Some made it to the stairs, but couldn't escape in time."

Within minutes of their evacuation, the building crumbled to the ground, burying dozens under the debris. "What fell wasn't just concrete," Kishan said. "It was dreams, relationships, lives. Everything was lost in a matter of seconds."

While Kishan's quick thinking saved nine lives, the family now finds itself adrift - homeless and financially devastated. All of Kishan's life savings were lost in the collapse. His children are currently sheltering at a neighbour's house, and the family has no stable income or place to call home.

Kishan, who makes a modest living by sewing clothes, has appealed to the Sindh government for immediate assistance. "We survived, but now we are struggling to live. My children need a roof over their heads, food, and security," he said, urging officials to provide housing and financial support.

(By Ayesha Khan Ansari The Express Tribune, 04, 10/07/2025)

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### **Four of a family killed, six injured as car crashes into drain wall**

A picnic outing turned into a tragedy when four members of a family, including two children, were killed and six others injured in an accident on Mauripur Road on Tuesday morning, police and hospital officials said. They said that the victim family originally hailed from Punjab.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza said the family was returning from the Hawkesbay beach in a car when the man driving the vehicle apparently lost control due to speeding. The car crashed into the wall of a storm drain on the main Mauripur Road at around 9am, resulting in the deaths of four persons and injuries to six others.

The deceased were identified as Yusuf Deen Dogar, 45, his daughters — Zainab, 7, and Ayesha, 10 — and their relative, Khalida Kashif, 45.

The injured included Dogar's wife, Saba, 42, and their two more children — Fatima, 11, and Husain, 5.

Three injured children of Ms Kashif were identified as Sahar, Zain and Yunisha.

The bodies and injured were shifted to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi.

Police surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed said the condition of three injured was critical.

"All the victims belonged to the same family," the DIG said, adding that initial investigations suggested speeding as the likely cause of the accident.

### **Man dies as truck collides with trailer**

In another incident, a man was killed and three others were injured in a collision between a trailer and a truck on Superhighway near New Sabzi Mandi.

Police and rescue officials said the deceased was identified as Gianchand, 39, and the injured as Ata Mohammed, 40, Pariyo, 40, and an unidentified man in his mid-30s.

The injured persons were shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for treatment.  
(By Imtiaz Ali Dawn, 13, 16/07/2025)

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### **Sisters killed in roof collapse**

Tragedy struck again in Lyari's Khadda Market in Baghdadi area when the roof of the fifth floor of a residential building collapsed, causing the fourth-floor ceiling to cave in as well. As a result, two women lost their lives and three others, including two sisters, were injured.

The deceased were identified as the wife and sister of the building owner, Rafiq, 40-year-old Hurmat and Hameeda respectively. While his two daughters, 12-year-old Jaweria and 15-year-old Hira were among the injured. Following the collapse, panic gripped the neighbourhood. A large number of residents gathered at the site and began rescue efforts to pull those trapped under the rubble.

Upon receiving information, rescue teams, police, Rangers, Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani, and the Deputy Commissioner South arrived at the scene. Volunteers recovered the bodies of the two women and rescued the injured, shifting them to Civil Hospital, after which the building was sealed.

Reportedly, a man named Yousuf, living on the fifth floor, had been carrying out repair work, during which the roof collapsed, causing structural failure on the floor below. All the victims were residents of the fourth floor.

SDPO Baghdadi Irshad Gabol, speaking to The Express Tribune, confirmed that labourers were working on the fifth floor when the incident occurred. Deputy Commissioner South Javed Nabi Khoso said an investigation is underway, and the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) has been notified. Its technical team will inspect the site to determine further action.

Chief Fire and Rescue Officer of KMC, Humayun Khan told the media that shuttering work was underway on the upper floor, and when the roof collapsed, debris fell into the fourth floor's TV lounge, trapping the women and children beneath. Rescue teams also evacuated 22 people from a nearby dilapidated building as a precaution. Previously, 27 people had died in a similar building collapse.

Humayun Khan emphasised that Lyari is an old neighbourhood, home to many unsafe structures. He urged residents not to rely solely on authorities but to inspect their own homes, and if needed, carry out timely repairs. He appealed to residents to report hazardous buildings to the Deputy Commissioner or nearest police station, warning against risking lives for the sake of cheap housing.

Following the collapse, Sindh Minister for Local Government Saeed Ghani also arrived at the scene. Speaking to the media, he admitted government failure in preventing illegal construction, citing limitations in the SBCA law. He said, "legal amendments are being prepared to take criminal action against those involved in constructing, buying, and selling illegal buildings. He stressed that illegal buildings disrupt vital systems like water supply and sewerage, worsening urban infrastructure. Stopping illegal construction, he said, would help resolve many of these cascading issues.

Ghani acknowledged the difficulty residents face in leaving their homes, stating, "We understand your attachment, but your life must come first."

Assistant Commissioner Keamari Subdivision Nadeem Aurangzeb said, "there are 107 dangerous buildings in Lyari, and a committee is collecting detailed inspection data. Once the report is complete in 15 days, the government will develop a comprehensive policy."

He confirmed that immediate arrangements are being made for the displaced residents. Out of 14 most dangerous buildings, nine have already been evacuated.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 18/07/2025)

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### **Mob torches trailer after man dies in accident**

A 59-year-old milk supplier was killed when a trailer ran over his motorcycle in Saudabad on Friday morning, police said.

Saudabad SHO Ateeq Rehman said that the victim, identified as Basit Saeed, had left his home to supply milk on a motorbike when a trailer hit him. He sustained critical injuries and died on the spot.

The incident angered area residents, who beat the driver, damaged the heavy vehicle and set it on fire.

"However, the police arrived on the spot, preventing the situation from deteriorating. The driver was arrested and the vehicle impounded," he added.

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

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 19/07/2025)

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### **Mob torches water tanker after death of two cousins near Karachi's Kalapul**

Two teenagers were killed when a fast-moving water tanker hit their motorbike in the Defence area on Sunday afternoon.

Police said the incident sparked a violent reaction from the people who set the water tanker on fire.

DIG-South Syed Asad Raza said that the incident took place on the main Korangi Road near Kalapul at 3:30pm.

He said that three cousins were riding a motorcycle when the tanker hit their two-wheelers and ran them over.

They were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre in a rickshaw where doctors pronounced two of them dead on arrival. The third one remained safe.

The police identified the deceased as Ayan Afzal Shah, 15, and Tauseef Sohail Shah, 13.

The tanker driver attempted to flee but other motorcyclists chased him and intercepted the vehicle. However, the driver abandoned the tanker and escaped from the scene, the police said, adding that the enraged people set the heavy vehicle on fire.

The DIG said that some persons who allegedly took part in setting the tanker on fire were detained.

Defence SHO Hukam Dad said the police approached the tanker owner who promised to hand over the driver responsible for the fatal accident to the police.

Later, the bodies were shifted to the residence of the deceased in Korangi's Bilal Colony for burial after completion of medico-legal formalities at the JPMC.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 21/07/2025)

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### **Two dead in Karachi as tanker crushes brothers on bike**

Two young boys were killed after a speeding water tanker crushed their motorcycle near Agha Khan signal on Defence Korangi Road on Sunday, officials said.

The boys, aged 12 and 15 and brothers by relation, died on the spot. Their bodies were shifted to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre.

The incident sparked public outrage as the tanker, bearing registration number TTC 237, caught fire after angry locals set it ablaze in protest. The driver fled the scene.

According to police and eyewitness accounts, the tanker carrying water, lost control while racing along Korangi Road.

Police arrived shortly after, taking one man into custody for setting the tanker ablaze. The fire brigade was called to extinguish the blaze, but the front portion of the tanker was completely destroyed.

Defence police station's SHO, Bilal Ahmed, identified the victims as 12-year-old Tauseef Shah and his 15-year-old brother, Ayan Shah, both residents of Korangi Ghari. The boys' father, who owns a meat shop in A-Market along Korangi Road, told police that his sons had left home to visit Sea View.

The SHO noted that the speed of the tanker and the boys' possible inattention contributed to the collision. CCTV footage is being retrieved to reconstruct the events. Efforts to locate the fleeing driver are ongoing, and contact has been made with the tanker's owner, Muhammad Ali.

One suspect was arrested for setting the tanker on fire, and further legal action is underway. The damaged tanker was removed by a crane truck to clear Korangi Road and restore traffic flow.  
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 21/07/2025)

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### Six die in Keenjhar picnic tragedy

A weekend outing meant for joy turned into a tragedy for five friends from Orangi Town and a bus conductor, who lost their lives in a fatal bus accident near Thatta Bypass early Sunday morning.

A group of picnickers, all residents of Orangi Town and mostly members of Jamaat-e-Islami and their families, had set off around 2:30am for a picnic at Keenjhar Lake. However, their trip ended in disaster when their bus veered off the road and plunged into a ravine near Thatta Bypass. Families in Karachi were alerted to the accident around 5am.

The bus carrying Jamaat-e-Islami workers to Keenjhar Lake for a picnic met with an accident at Gharo, District Thatta. Five workers were martyred, and over 30 were injured, Jamaat-e-Islami said.

The deceased workers included Asad Noor, Abdul Rauf Rehmat Ali, Bishar Khan Fareed, Arbab Safdar Hussain, Muhammad Abrar Anwar, and bus conductor Ihsanullah. Among the victims, Asad and Abdul Rauf - both from Sector 12 — were cousins., and the bus conductor. The injured, including UC 4 Oranghi Chairman Ata-ur-Rabbi, Vice Chairman Karamat Ali, and others, were discharged from the hospital after treatment.

Speaking to The Express Tribune, Asad's brother-in-law, Arif, said the picnic had been planned as a casual gathering among close friends. Bishar Khan, 20, was the third of six siblings and also lived in Sector 12. Arbab hailed from Sector 8/5, while Ihsanullah, who worked as a bus conductor, was a resident of MPR Colony.

After the accident, the bodies were initially shifted to the Alkhidmat mortuary in Orangi Town, except for Ihsanullah's, which was handed directly to his family. The other victims' remains were moved to Edhi's cold storage in Sohrab Goth before being returned to their families for funeral rites.

The martyrs' funeral prayers were attended by Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi Amir Munim Zafar Khan, locals, relatives, and a large number of party workers.

Funeral prayers for Asad and Abdul Rauf were offered at Arkan Ground in Sector 12, followed by burial in the Sector 14 graveyard. Bishar Khan's funeral took place at a mosque near Brohi Hotel after Asr prayers, while Arbab's prayers were held at Jamia Waheediya in Sector 8/5. All six victims were laid to rest in Sector 14 cemeteries following individual rites near their homes.

MQM Pakistan senior leader MNA Syed Amin ul Haq has expressed deep sorrow over the deaths of six people in the bus accident on the Thatta bypass, where the bus carrying residents of Orangi Town slipped off the road and fell into ravine.

In a statement, Syed Aminul Haq expressed condolences to the families of the deceased and wished the injured a speedy recovery. He demanded that the government arrange for the complete medical treatment of the injured immediately.

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday has expressed his deep sorrow over loss of lives in Makli bus accident. He directed the DC Thatta for providing immediate medical assistance to the injured. The Sindh chief minister also directed to make immediate contact with the families of those killed and injured in the accident. The Sindh CM expressed condolence with the families of the deceased.

### Gambat road crash claims one life

At least one person was killed and several others, including women and children were critically injured when a bus overturned on the Gambat National Highway in Khairpur district early Sunday morning.

According to Police, the bus driver lost control of the vehicle and it flipped over, claiming one life on the spot while other over 40 injured. The bus was going from Karachi to Swabi.

Rescue teams, along with local police, reached the site shortly after the accident was reported and began providing aid to the victims. Several passengers, including those critically injured were rushed to nearby hospitals for medical treatment. Police confirmed that five individuals were in critical condition.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 21/07/2025)

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### **Six picnickers from Orangi killed as bus overturns near Makli**

Six picnickers from Karachi were killed and over two dozen injured when their bus overturned and fell in a ditch near Makli on Saturday morning, officials said.

The Jamaat-i-Islami said five deceased persons were workers of their party's Orangi Town chapter, while the sixth deceased was the bus conductor.

The officials said that a bus carrying picnickers from Orangi Town was heading towards Keenjhar Lake when it went out of the driver's control while negotiating a turn near Gharo due to speeding and fell into a ditch.

Rescue workers rushed to the scene and shifted the injured to the Civil Hospital Makli, where doctors declared six persons dead.

They were identified as bus conductor Ehsanullah, Asad Noor, Abdul Rauf, Bashir Fareed, Abrar and Arbab.

The officials said Makli, Jhimpir, Jungshahi and other areas have been experiencing intermittent heavy rain and stormy weather since morning and the adverse weather hampered rescue operations and the transportation of the injured to the hospital.

Later, the bodies of five deceased and the injured persons were taken to Karachi.

According to a JI press release, the funeral prayers were held on three locations in Orangi Town. A large number of area people and JI workers attended their last rites.

Meanwhile, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives in the accident and directed the Thatta deputy commissioner to ensure the provision of immediate medical assistance to all the injured.

Meanwhile, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan also expressed condolence with the families of those died in the accident and prayed for the early recovery of injured persons.

The party demanded that the provincial government ensure comprehensive treatment facilities for the injured persons.  
(By Dawn Reporter, 13, 21/07/2025)

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### **Dumper runs over, kills biker in Malir**

A fast-moving dumper ran over and killed a motorcyclist in Malir on the main National Highway on Friday, police and rescuers said.

The Malir City police said that Mohammed Irshad, 33, was riding a motorcycle when the dumper hit him and two other motorcycles.

Irshad suffered serious injuries and was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

In the meantime, enraged people gathered there and mob got hold of the driver, identified as Mohammed Aijaz, and subjected him to beating.

However, the police reached the scene and rescued him from the mob.

The police registered a case against the arrested driver on behalf of the state and impounded the dumper.

They said that relatives of the victim could not be traced till late in the night. Later, the body was shifted to the Edhi morgue at Sohrab Goth.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 26/07/2025)

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### **Boy run over, killed by dumper on Karachi's Northern Bypass**

A speeding dumper ran over and killed a minor boy on Northern Bypass on Saturday, police and rescue services officials said.

Manghopir SHO Imran Ahmed Khan told *Dawn* that 12-year-old Azeem Raza was crossing the road near Dua Restaurant when the dumper (TKZ-396) hit him. He sustained critical injuries and died on the spot. The driver responsible for the incident escaped from the spot, leaving behind the loaded truck that was seized by the police.

The victim boy was a vendor who used to sell sugary drinks on Northern Bypass. The body was shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 27/07/2025)

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### **Reckless driving claims lives of two bikers in Karachi's Baldia Town**

A fast-moving trailer ran over and killed two young men in Baldia Town on Sunday, police and rescue services officials said.

The police added that the victims were riding a motorcycle when a 22-wheeler truck hit them near the Rangers check post at Chattari Bypass. Both men died on the spot. They were identified as Bilal Husain, 20, and Sumair Rahim, 25.

The bodies were taken to the Civil Hospital Karachi for medico-legal formalities.

The police claimed to have arrested the truck driver and seized the heavy vehicle (TLJ-660).

A traffic police spokesperson said in a statement that the tragic accident took place at around 3:45pm.

Both the truck and the motorcyclists were going on a single track but in opposite direction. When the bike-riders changed their lane, the heavy vehicle came in front of them and hit their two-wheelers.

#### **Policewoman attempts to take own life**

A policewoman tried to kill herself in Baldia Town-2 on Sunday within the remit of the SITE-B police.

DIG-South Syed Asad Raza said that Afsheen Irfan, 30, posted at New Karachi police shot herself in a car near a traffic police post.

She was initially taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital from where she was taken to the Aga Khan University Hospital for further treatment.

During the initial probe, it transpired that she had gone there to meet a man, identified as Kamran, where she took out a 9mm pistol and shot herself in the head.

The official added the motive could not be ascertained immediately.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 28/07/2025)

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### **Superhighway blocked for hours after seven dumpers torched over sibling deaths**

The death of two siblings in a fatal accident involving a heavy vehicle in the early hours of Sunday morning sparked violent protests as enraged people torched seven trucks, prompting transporters to block the Superhighway to vehicular traffic for hours.

The accident took place on main Rashid Minhas Road near UBL Sports Complex at 3:15am when a fast-moving dumper hit a motorcyclist and his two pillion riders. As a result, Mahnoor, 22, and her brother, Ahmed Raza, 14, died on the spot, while their father, Shakir, 48, suffered critical injuries, said Central SSP Zeeshan Shafiq Siddiqi.

The police said that despite late hours a large number of people gathered at the scene and some youths set the dumper on fire.

They said that the enraged people also beat two drivers and torched six more dumpers on the both tracks of the main road that falls within the jurisdiction of the Yusuf Plaza and F.B. Industrial Area police stations.

The SSP said the police reached the spot, apprehended the driver of the dumper and impounded the vehicle. The police cordoned off the area and set up diversions and fire tenders were called to put off the fire.

"Furthermore, the police have arrested 14 suspects over charges of torching the dumpers and more arrests are being made with the help of videos and technical evidence," the official said.

Rescue-1122 spokesperson Hassaan Ul Haseeb Khan told Dawn that three dumpers were set on fire near UBL Sports Complex while four others coming from the Sohrab Goth side were torched near Lucky One Mall.

He said that despite hindrance firefighters reached the scene and doused the fire. However, three dumpers were completely destroyed.

#### **Dumper association's protest**

Members of the dumper transporters' association staged a protest on the Rashid Minhas Road first and then at Sohrab Goth, where they blocked the Superhighway by parking heavy vehicles and creating other temporary barriers.

The blockade triggered hours-long traffic jams and caused hardship to a large number of people coming from and going to upcountry via M-9 motorway.

The track leading to Gulshan-i-Iqbal from Sohrab Goth flyover was also blocked for vehicular traffic.

The Central SSP said the police held talks with the transporters but they refused to end their protest and open the key arterial link.

Later, senior Sindh government functionaries intervened into the matter and invited transporters for talks.

A delegation of transporters called on Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon at the Commissioner Office and announced ending their protest after they were assured that the government would provide them compensation for the vehicles torched in arson attacks.

"A committee is being formed to assess the losses suffered by the transporters," according to a statement issued by the minister's spokesperson Husain Mansoor.

### **Deceased siblings laid to rest**

Later in the evening, deceased Mahnoor and her teenager brother, Ahmed Raza, were laid to rest amid moving scenes in the New Karachi area.

A large number of people attended their funeral prayers.

Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) leader Monem Zafar Khan, who attended the funeral prayers, accused the provincial government of criminal negligence.

"This is not the first time innocent lives have been lost due to unregulated heavy traffic," he told the media. "The PPP government and traffic police have utterly failed to enforce any meaningful restrictions. Karachi is not a jungle, but the roads have become lawless zones where drivers of dumpers and tankers operate without fear."

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf leader Arsalan Khalid echoed similar sentiments, slamming both the Sindh government and traffic police for their incompetence.

"How many more children need to die before the PPP wakes up? These are not accidents; these are murders by negligence," he said.

The Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan said in a statement that Karachi was being run on an ad-hoc basis, with no thought given to the safety of its citizens.

"The city contributes the most to Pakistan's economy, but when it comes to governance, Karachi is treated as an orphan. Innocent children are dying on the streets while the Sindh government sleeps," it said.

Mohajir Qaumi Movement-Haqiqi chief Afaq Ahmed also condemned the failure of both the traffic police and the transport department.

"The PPP has no interest in saving the lives of people. There is a mafia operating under the protection of the ruling elite, allowing unfit and reckless heavy vehicles to roam freely," he said.

(By Imtiaz Ali Dawn, 13, 11/08/2025)

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### **Two young siblings killed in accident**

Two young siblings were killed and their father was critically injured in a road accident on Rashid Minhas Road near Lucky One Mall around 4am on Sunday.

The incident occurred when a speeding dumper rammed into a motorcycle, killing 22-year-old Mah Noor and her 14-year-old brother Ahmed Raza on the spot. Their father, Shakir, a clothes vendor and father of seven, sustained severe head injuries. According to the CCTV footage of the incident, the dumper driver struck the bike from the rear and drove his mammoth vehicle over the victims.

Police said the dumper was heading from Gulshan Chowrangi towards Sohrab Goth and the victims were returning home from a family gathering in Malir Riffa Aam Society.

The incident sparked widespread outrage, with residents catching the dumper driver, Firdous Khan, and subjecting him to a severe beating before police intervention. The mob then began pelting passing dumpers with stones, forcing several drivers to flee. Protesters later set fire to seven dumpers, causing traffic chaos in the city.

Law enforcement agencies, including police and Rangers, reached the site and brought the situation under control. Ten suspects involved in the arson were taken into custody, with further arrests to be made based on CCTV footage.

The victims' uncle, Zakir, appealed to the government to take action against dumpers, warning that more families would suffer similar losses if measures were not taken. The incident has highlighted growing concerns over the unregulated movement of heavy vehicles in Karachi and the need for effective measures to prevent further loss of life.

### **Dumper owners stage protest**

Dumper Association leader Liaquat Mehsud said he was earnestly aggrieved over the loss of lives, but torching dumpers without any investigation was totally uncalled for. Speaking to the Express News at the protest sit he said the accident was caused by a water tanker but dumpers were deliberately targeted. Mehsud said that Sindh government has banned the movement of dumpers in the city from morning till 10pm, "in current situation, the government should completely ban dumpers in the city."

Protesters led by Mehsud blocked the Super Highway at Sohrab Goth and the National Highway near Thatta, erecting barricades and halting traffic. The blockade caused long queues of vehicles and severely disrupted intercity travel, leaving thousands of commuters stranded.

### **Simmering tempers**

The funeral prayers for the brother and sister who lost their lives after being hit by a dumper truck in Federal B Area were offered at a mosque near their residence after Asr prayers.

The prayers were attended by their injured father, relatives, neighbours, a large number of local residents, Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi Ameer Munim Zafar, Sindh Assembly member Abdul Wasim, and other political and social leaders.

The scene at the funeral was deeply emotional. The injured father, with visible wounds on his head and body, attended despite his critical condition. Speaking to the media, Munim Zafar said PPP had failed in every sector, noting that in the past seven months, 5,252 road accidents had occurred, with dumpers and trailers claiming numerous lives.

Referring to arrests made after torching of seven dumpers, Zafar said 10 young men sitting at a roadside café were arrested without cause. He further said that Rashid Minhas Road remained blocked for hours without any police presence.

While the grief of the bereaved family cannot be undone, he stressed, those responsible must be held accountable. Zafar further stated that the government's claim of installing cameras on dump trucks and trailers had also failed in practice.

#### **Sharjeel defuses tensions**

The talks between the Sindh government and the transporters were successful, after which the transporters decided to end their protest, said an official handout issued on Sunday.

A delegation of transporters, led by Haji Yousaf and Jan Alam, leaders of the Dumper Association, called on Minister for Transport and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon at the Commissioner House in Karachi.

Karachi Commissioner Syed Hassan Naqvi, Secretary Transport Asad Zamin, Karachi Police Chief Javed Alam Odho, and other officials were also present at the meeting.

Memon expressed grief over the loss of lives in the recent accident but also condemned the violent incidents that followed.

The minister directed dumper owners to ensure that cameras, trackers, insurance, and driver's licenses are mandatory in all dumpers. Additionally, a committee is being formed to assess the losses suffered by the transporters.  
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#### **'Driver who killed siblings in Karachi didn't have HTV licence', judicial magistrate told**

A judicial magistrate was on Monday informed that a dumper driver booked and arrested for killing two siblings in an accident on Rashid Minhas Road a day before did not possess a heavy transport vehicle (HTV) licence.

The investigating officer of the case brought the suspect before Judicial Magistrate (Central) Farman Ali Tager and sought his custody for 14 days for interrogation.

He informed the court that as per initial inquiry the suspect did not possess a licence to drive a heavy vehicle. He said he only had the licence to drive light transport vehicles (LTV) and that too had expired in 2016.

The IO asked for more time to get information regarding the owner of the dumper — involved in the accident — as well as need to verify the documents of the suspect.

After hearing the IO, the court remanded him in police custody for two days and directed him to submit a progress report at the next hearing.

#### **Body formed to probe arson attacks**

A high-powered committee was formed to investigate arson attacks, where miscreants torched seven dumpers after the fatal accident.

According to an order issued by Karachi police chief Javed Alam Odho, DIG-West Irfan Ali Baloch will head the team comprising Central SSP Zeeshan Shafiq Siddiqi, West SSP Tariq Illahi Mastoi and Investigation SSP Anam Tajjamul.  
(By Sumair Abdullah Dawn, 13, 12/08/2025)

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#### **Remand of dumper driver extended in fatal crash case**

A Judicial Magistrate Central has extended the physical remand of a suspect by three days in connection with the deaths of a brother and sister who were fatally struck by a dumper truck on Rashid Minhas Road on Sunday.

Police presented the arrested suspect, Firdous, in court during the hearing. The investigating officer informed the court that an HTV license issued in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had been recovered from the accused. A verification request has been sent to the KP Excise Department.

Police have added the charge of qatl-bil-sabab (causing death by negligence) to the case.

They also reported that the accused suffered an eye injury after being beaten by the public following the incident. The FIR was registered at the Yusuf Plaza police station on the complaint of the victims' uncle.

#### **Five remanded in dumper arson case**

An anti-terrorism administrative court has handed over five suspects to police on a six-day physical remand in a case related to the arson of the dumper trucks.

The hearing was held at the Anti-Terrorism Complex in Karachi Central Jail, where Yousuf Plaza police presented the accused, Umer Ayub, Mohammad Murad, Mohammad Waleed, Zamin Hussain, and Wasam Abid. The investigating officer informed the court that the suspects had confessed to the crime. Their identities were allegedly confirmed through a confidential informant and viral video footage. Wasam Abid was arrested based on information provided by co-accused Zamin.

Police had requested a 14-day remand, but the judge questioned the need for such an extended period in what he termed a routine case. Investigators responded that more time was needed to apprehend other suspects, including co-accused Syed Bilal, and to gather further evidence and statements.

The court ordered the suspects to be produced again on August 20 and directed police to submit a progress report at the next hearing.

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### Reckless driver runs over two girls

A speeding car struck two young girls near the Johar Chowrangi underpass on Friday. The impact was so severe that the car overturned, and both girls died instantly.

The young driver, identified as Ibrahim, was also seriously injured in the crash. Police have arrested him, and seized the vehicle involved in the accident. The deceased girls were pedestrians, and their ages were estimated to be between 10 and 12 years old, according to SHO Sharaf Faisal Iftikhar Ahmed.

However, a spokesperson for the Edhi Foundation said that the girls were beggars.

Following the accident, police and welfare organisations, including the Edhi Foundation, transported the bodies and the injured driver to a nearby hospital before being transferred to Jinnah Hospital. Further legal proceedings are underway.

At least nine people, including four women and children, were injured when a speeding minibus overturned near Saba Cinema in New Karachi on Friday.

According to police, the vehicle went out of the driver's control and flipped over. Police and Chhipa volunteers reached the scene immediately after the incident and began rescue operations, shifting the injured to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for emergency medical treatment.

Rescue officials identified the injured as 22-year-old Areeba, 30-year-old Naghma, 50-year-old Zarina, 27-year-old Parveen, 4-year-old Dua, 10-year-old Anas, 10-year-old Zubair, 30-year-old Ismail, and 25-year-old Imran.

The New Karachi Industrial Area police said they were conducting further investigations into the cause of the accident.

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### Footage shows tanker speeding away after fatal crash

CCTV footage of the water tanker that fled after hitting and killing seven-year-old Arsalan in Orangi Town has surfaced.



Reportedly, a speeding water tanker struck and killed the child on late Friday night near Khalil Market. After the incident, enraged locals staged a protest, setting tyres on fire, placing barricades, and blocking traffic. The protesters demanded immediate arrest of the tanker driver.

The surfaced CCTV footage clearly shows the tanker speeding away right after the accident. A child and a man can be seen running behind the tanker, while the deceased's companion is seen crying and pointing in the direction of the fleeing vehicle.

Police officials reported that the search for the absconding driver is underway.

#### Truck wheels crush woman

A woman was killed after being run over by a truck near Peerabad Banaras. The police arrested the driver and took the truck into custody. The deceased's body was shifted to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for legal formalities, where she was identified as 35-year-old Shehnaz.

According to SHO Peerabad, Anees-ur-Rehman, Shehnaz was riding as a pillion passenger on a motorcycle with a close relative. The incident occurred at Banaras Bacha Khan Chowk, where the motorcycle lost balance, causing her to fall backward onto the road. A container-loaded truck passing nearby ran over her with its rear wheels, leading to her death.

The police arrested the driver, Ali Hamza, and impounded the 10-wheeler truck bearing number P-3732. The deceased was a mother of five children and a resident of Kawari Colony, Manghopir. Her husband works in Saudi Arabia.

After completing legal formalities, the police handed over the body to the family. Legal action is underway against the arrested driver.

Meanwhile, two more people were killed and one youth was seriously injured in separate traffic accidents across the city on Saturday.

A young motorcyclist was killed and another injured in a traffic accident near Al-Khidmat Hospital in Orangi Town Sector five. Rescue officials identified the deceased as 22-year-old Ejaz, while 16-year-old Owais is receiving medical treatment.

In another incident on Hawksbay Road near a famous restaurant, 35-year-old motorcyclist Irfan killed in a traffic accident. His body was transported to Civil Hospital via an Edhi ambulance. Rescue officials said the accident was caused by a collision with an unidentified vehicle, and police are investigating further.

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### **Trailer runs over, kills woman in Orangi**

A fast-moving trailer ran over and killed a woman in Orangi Town on Saturday, police said.

They added that Shahnaz Nazeer was passing through Bacha Khan Chowk within the remit of the Pirabad police station when the heavy vehicle hit her.

The police rushed to the scene after receiving information about the incident, arrested trailer driver Ali Hamza and impounded the vehicle.

SSP-West Tariq Illahi Mastoi said that the accident appeared to be an outcome of over-speeding.

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

Only on Friday, a man and his wife were killed by a dumper on M.T. Khan Road. A four-year-old boy was also run over and killed by a water tanker in Orangi Town.

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### **Toddler crushed by speeding dumper**

A speeding dumper truck mowed down a toddler and injured his uncle in Malir's Millat Town on Tuesday.

According to Al-Falah police, one-and-a-half-year-old Aun Muhammad was killed on the spot after the dumper, driven against the one-way flow, rammed into a stationary motorcycle carrying the boy and his uncle, Salman. Salman sustained serious injuries.

The FIR, lodged on the complaint of the victim's father, Nadeem Ahmed, invokes charges of murder, negligence, recklessness and speeding. The nominated suspects are the absconding driver, Zahid; the arrested cleaner, Hasnain Shah; and the truck owner, Attaullah.

PS Al-Falah SHO said the arrested cleaner is the son of the dumper's owner. He added that while the driver fled immediately after the crash, the cleaner tried to escape with the vehicle but was intercepted by police. Officers rescued him and the dumper from an angry mob before shifting them to the station.

The victim's grandfather told reporters that Aun had been visiting relatives in Salman Farsi locality. While returning to his grandmother's house with his uncle, their motorcycle was struck by the dumper from the wrong side of the road. "My grandson was crushed under its wheels. He died instantly," he said.

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### **Three die as downpour lashes Karachi**

Three people were killed as light to moderate showers continued throughout the day, flooding roads and streets and causing traffic jams across the metropolis on Tuesday.

The weather system that caused rains in the metropolis and other parts of Sindh reached Karachi on Tuesday. In a late-night development, the water level increased in Thado Dam on the city outskirts and overflowed onto the M-9 motorway. Officials said that the government has decided to demolish the wall between the two tracks of the motorway to make way for water drainage.

Met Department's focal person Anjum Niaz Zaigham told Dawn that the deep depression over Sindh would gradually move towards Balochistan and reduce into a well-marked low pressure area on Tuesday night. "During this process, intermittent rains are expected over the next two days, especially in the first half of [Wednesday] in Karachi."

According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department's data released at 9pm on Tuesday, the maximum rain was recorded in Gulshan-i-Maymar 37.3mm, or 1.46 inches, North Karachi 29mm, Korangi 23.6mm, Saadi Town 18.1mm, Nazimabad 21mm, PAF Base Faisal, PAF Base Masroor and Gulshan-i-Hadeed 15mm, Keamari 14mm, Old Airport area 13mm, Met Office (University Road) 10.2mm, Bahria Town 10.5mm and Jinnah Terminal 8.8mm.

According to Mr Zaigham, while the province has been seeing rains in the month of September, as happened in 2010 and 2011, the development of a deep depression this time of the year is unusual.

“Perhaps, it has happened for the first time. This system has reached Sindh after crossing South China Sea, Bay of Bengal and India, during which it continued to change its forms, losing and gaining strength from the sea surface and atmospheric conditions,” he added.

Two teenagers electrocuted

Two teenage boys died from electrocution in Sohrab Goth and North Karachi areas.

Sohrab Goth SHO Mumtaz Marwat told Dawn that Waseem Noor, 17, died when he suffered an electric shock at a water filter plant in Ayub Goth.

Khawaja Ajmer Nagri SHO Sarfraz Commando said that 18-year old Mustaqeem Saeed died of an electric shock inside his home in Rasheedabad.

Police Surgeon Summaiya Syed told Dawn that bodies of the two teenagers were brought to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and both of them died of electrocution.

A K-Electric spokesperson, however, claimed that power utility's infrastructure was not involved in both cases of electrocution.

A young man, identified as Ali Gul Mithani, drowned in the Malir river on Tuesday evening, according to officials.

#### **Fragile drainage infrastructure**

As usual, the rain brought with it familiar urban challenges that exposed the city's fragile drainage infrastructure. Despite continuous efforts by civic bodies, the city's outdated drainage systems struggled to cope, especially in low-lying areas.

Traffic moved at a snail's pace on major thoroughfares including Sharae Faisal, I.I. Chundrigar Road and M.A. Jinnah Road due to accumulated rainwater. On other arteries, motorists were forced to wade through waterlogged roads, while many motorcyclists lost balance on slippery patches.

Areas managed by cantonment boards and town administrations fared no better. Several neighbourhoods under their administrative control witnessed the similar drainage failures, indicating a broader systemic issue.

University Road, already under immense strain due to the ongoing construction of the Red Line project, turned into a muddy, congested nightmare.

Commuters, especially those using public transport, suffered long delays and unsafe travel conditions. Damaged road surfaces and uneven detours further worsened the experience.

#### **CS, mayor inspect drainage work**

Mayor Murtaza Wahab visited several parts of the city and issued directives for immediate repair of a damaged sewerage line in Safoora Town.

“Visited different parts of the city to oversee the situation,” he posted on X, formerly Twitter. “Teams were present at all important arteries to attend to any situation. Also visited the area of Pehalwan Goth where the 53 inch trunk sewer had gotten sunk. Work was ongoing and we are hopeful to complete the replacement in the next 24 hours. Teams were working even during the rain.”

Sindh Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah also visited several parts of the city to review drainage and traffic arrangements and issued further directions to ensure maximum facilitation for citizens.

He visited Tower, Sharea Faisal, I.I. Chundrigar Road, M.A. Jinnah Road, Metropole and other major thoroughfares, where he inspected the situation and appreciated the timely response of the field officers.

Recalling the challenges faced during the previous spell of rains, he emphasised that this time traffic police are actively providing real-time information to citizens through FM 88.6 and social media platforms, enabling people to choose safe alternative routes and avoid inconvenience.

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### **Five die, hundreds rescued as rain, hill torrents play havoc with Karachi**

Five people were killed and hundreds rescued as water from hill torrents and continuous downpour swelled the Lyari and Malir rivers to what many called as unprecedented levels, wreaking havoc on citizens and civic infrastructure, especially in low-lying areas, on Wednesday.

Although almost every city area received non-stop light to moderate showers from Tuesday to Wednesday afternoon, it was heavy rain in the Kirthar mountain range that brought miseries on Karachi and its citizens particularly those living in Gadap Town, Scheme 33 and areas along the M-9 motorway.

Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah also said that the recent flooding in the Malir and Lyari rivers in Karachi was actually the result of heavy rains in other areas of Balochistan and Sindh, and not just in Karachi.

However, the weather system that caused rains in the province has moved away from Karachi to Balochistan and Met officials said although it is still in the form of a depression, the chances of more rain in Sindh are almost non-existent.

According to the Met Office, the maximum rain over the past three days (from Monday till Wednesday evening) was recorded in Surjani Town 158mm, followed by Gulshan-i-Maymar 127mm, Korangi 111mm, DHA Phase II 107mm, Gulshan-i-Hadeed 100mm, North Karachi 94.4mm, Keamari 82mm, PAF Faisal Base 75mm, Met Complex (University Road) 71mm, Old Airport 70.3mm, Saadi Town 68mm, Nazimabad (Paposh Nagar) 65.5mm, PAF Masroor Base 65mm, Orangi Town 59.2mm and Jinnah Terminal 44.2.

The area of DHA Phase VII saw 32.6mm rainfall on Wednesday.

#### **'A harrowing night'**

Residents of housing societies in the Scheme 33 and surrounding areas, as well as those living in shanties along the banks of the Malir and Lyari rivers, spent a harrowing night as floodwaters from the M-9 motorway inundated their neighbourhoods and homes, leaving many in fear and uncertainty.

Several houses built in the areas along the banks of the Lyari and Malir rivers were submerged while many residents who were trapped in their homes and moved to higher ground on their own as rescue and relief efforts remained limited.

Large-scale rescue and relief operations were carried out by charities like Edhi Foundation, Rescue 1122, provincial disaster management authority, army, navy and police personnel and other agencies.

Saad Edhi of the Edhi Foundation said he was frequently receiving complaints / information from citizens about inundation of their homes and localities. He said he had no option but to tell them that draining rainwater was not their responsibility.

The downpour also brought widespread disruption to other parts of the city as localities including North Karachi's Do Minute Chowrangi, Nagan Chowrangi, Sharah-i-Pakistan, Jail Chowrangi, Liaquatabad, Buffer Zone, Anda Mor, Qalandaria Chowk, Five Star Chowrangi, KDA Chowrangi, Essa Nagri, Sir Shah Suleman Road, Sharea Faisal, and PECHS were all severely waterlogged, causing extensive hardship for residents.

While the Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KWSC) and Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) managed to keep major arteries largely functional during the day, rainwater remained accumulated in several key areas within the administrative jurisdiction of town administrations and cantonment boards till late at night.

#### **400 rescued in city: Sharjeel**

According to Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, rescue teams evacuated more than 400 people from Sohrab Goth, Laasi Goth, Gadap, Machhar Colony, Saadi Garden, Korangi Causeway, Nishtar Basti and other areas.

Hyderabad-bound vehicular traffic on the M-9 motorway was suspended on Tuesday night after water from Thado Dam overflowed. Mr Memon said several vehicles had been trapped on the submerged road, and the rescue teams moved 172 people and 23 vehicles to safety.

In a statement, he said all civic bodies in cooperation with Pakistan Army engineers worked hard to drain the rainwater, while a special operation was carried out near Malir Cantonment at 3am to divert water toward Thadho Dam.

#### **Bodies of four drowned in flash flood found**

On Wednesday, bodies of four people drowned in a rainwater-filled stream was recovered.

A spokesperson for the Edhi Foundation said that a Suzuki Hi-roof carrying some passengers towards Karachi had fallen in Konk Naddi in Gadap Town on Tuesday night.

He said some seven people drowned in the incident, but bodies of only four victims were found by Wednesday evening. He identified the victim as Nabu Gulab, 60, her husband Gulab, 60, and their son Raja Gulab, 45. The fourth victim was identified as Javed Shah, 45.

#### **Teenager electrocuted**

A teenage boy died from electrocution in North Nazimabad on Wednesday.

Police surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed told Dawn that the body of 18-year-old Ahmed Qadir was brought to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital from Block C. She said that the victim suffered an electric shock and died.

#### **Damage to Hub Canal, 'under-construction' Malir Expressway**

The recently launched Hub Canal, a gas pipeline running above it and an under-construction patch of the Malir Expressway, also known as Shahrah-i-Bhutto, also collapsed due to the rain.

Officials said that the water flow from the Northern Bypass impacted the Hub canal, damaging a 20-meter section as well as the gas line above it.

They said that work to repair the canal and line had already started.

Footage went viral on social media showed a portion of the Malir Expressway collapsed due to floodwater in the Malir river.

However, the chief minister said told a private news channel on Wednesday evening that a crack appeared on the under-construction Shahrah-i-Bhutto due to water from the Malir river, but it was not a major threat. He added that immediate repair and pitching work had started, and citizens shouldn't worry.

Also on Wednesday, the traffic police stopped the movement of heavy traffic towards the M-9 motorway via district Central and Sohrab Goth, in view of the threat of rainwater entering the city via the Northern Bypass due to ongoing heavy rains in Balochistan.

#### **Schools open today**

While all educational institutions remained closed in the city on Wednesday, there will be no school holiday on Thursday (today) in view of the weather clearing up as the rain system has weakened.

The city commissioner had issued a notification late on Tuesday night about the closure of educational institutions on Wednesday. "It is so strange that the government, despite having information about the weather, announces its decision of school closure so late like they did on Tuesday. The announcement came around midnight," Private Schools Management Association chairman Syed Danish-Uz-Zaman said.

"It is a pity as parents are left wondering whether to send the children to school or not the next day while the school staff and managements are also left confused. On Tuesday, private schools had to take the decision themselves. We announced around 10pm while the commissioner of Karachi's notification came after midnight," he said.

All Sindh Private Schools and Colleges Association chairman Haider Ali said that all private schools and colleges would remain open as usual on Thursday in Karachi after the weather cleared and the rain system weakened. — Imtiaz Ali, Imran Ayub, Faiza Ilyas and Shazia Hasan contributed to this report.

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### **Bodies of three more flash flood victims recovered**

The bodies of the remaining three victims, who were among the seven passengers whose van was swept away in a flash flood on Tuesday night, were recovered on Friday.

According to rescue services, a Karachi-bound van had fallen into the Koonkar stream on Sept 9 after heavy rain lashed the outskirts of the metropolis.

Bodies of the other four victims — Gulab, 60; Nabu Gulab, 60; Raja Gulab, 40; and Mohammed Javed Shah, 40 — had already been recovered on Wednesday. The remaining three passengers had been missing since the incident.

An Edhi Foundation spokesperson said that their rescue services resumed their operation on the third day, during which the remaining three bodies were recovered.

One of the deceased was identified as eight-year-old Kailash, whose body was handed over to his family.

The identities of the other two male victims could not be immediately ascertained. Their bodies were shifted to the Edhi morgue at Sohrab Goth.

#### **Body found floating in Lyari river**

The body of an unidentified man, believed to be in his 40s, was found floating in the Lyari river in the Pak Colony area on Friday.

Police said that the body was found near Dhobi Ghat in Mianwali Colony.

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

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### **Konkar Nadi death toll rises to seven**

Three more bodies, including that of a child, were recovered from Konkar River in Gadap Town, bringing the total number of fatalities to seven. According to a spokesperson for Edhi Foundation, all those who went missing in the incident have now been found, and the search and rescue operation, which had been ongoing for the past three days, has been concluded.

The incident occurred on Tuesday during heavy rainfall in the city, when a rickshaw and two vehicles were swept away by strong currents in the Konkar River. Search operations continued through Friday morning in the jurisdiction of Gadap City Police Station. During the third day of the operation, three bodies were recovered from the river at intervals.

The deceased were identified as eight-year-old Kailash, 36-year-old Afzal and 45-year-old Iqbal Ali. All three were residents of Gadap Town. Their bodies were shifted to the Edhi morgue in Sohrab Goth.

According to Edhi, four of the victims - 70-year-old Gulab, his wife 60-year-old Nabu, their 40-year-old son Raja, and eight-year-old grandson Kailash - belonged to the same family. They had been travelling in a high-roof van when it was swept away by the floodwaters. Iqbal, also among the deceased, was the driver of the van.

Another victim, Afzal, was a security guard at a hospital plaza near Bakhai Toll Plaza on the Superhighway. At the time of the incident, he had disembarked from a rickshaw and was taking a lift from a motorcyclist, 45-year-old Javed Shah, when the rising river current swept both of them away. Their bodies were later recovered from the water.

The Edhi spokesperson confirmed that all missing people have now been accounted for and that the three-day search and rescue operation at Konkar river has officially concluded.

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### **Dumper runs over, kills biker**

A man was killed and a teenager critically injured when a loaded truck struck their motorcycle in the Memon Goth area on Tuesday morning.

Police said Mohammed Umer was driving the dumper (TAB-733) recklessly when he collided head-on with the motorcycle in Dur Mohammed Goth near Lal Ground. As a result, Shah Nawaz, 30, died on the spot while Shah Nawaz Khan, 18, sustained critical injuries.

The driver was arrested, they added.

In another incident, two motorcyclists were killed in Nazimabad-7.

Police said the two men were reportedly speeding when their motorcycle crashed into a parked vehicle near the Fire Brigade office.

One of the victims was identified as Mohammed Mustafa, 20, while the other remained unidentified. Both were critically injured and taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, where they died during treatment.

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### **Six injured as oil tanker loses control in Karachi**

A high-speed oil tanker lost control and crashed into multiple vehicles near the Defence Mor traffic signal, injuring at least six people, including women and a child, and leaving a trail of destruction involving more than seven vehicles.

The incident occurred within the jurisdiction of Defence Police Station on Thursday. According to initial reports, the oil tanker suffered a brake failure, ramming into stationary vehicles waiting at the signal.

Those injured in the crash include 60-year-old Muhammad Sabir, 40-year-old Moenuddin, 40-year-old Chandni, 40-year-old Saima, and others yet to be identified.

At least seven vehicles, including a rickshaw, a loading Suzuki, and a white car, were completely destroyed, while several motorcycles and other vehicles were badly damaged.

The crash brought traffic to a standstill at the busy intersection, causing long queues and congestion. Rescue teams, Rangers personnel, and traffic police rushed to the scene. The injured were moved to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre.

Traffic police later used lifters to remove the wreckage and restore vehicle flow. SHO Asjad Ghani confirmed that the crash was caused by brake failure, and added that the tanker driver has been detained and handed over to police.

#### **Sindh cracks down on killer trucks**

A day earlier, the Sindh government rolled out sweeping amendments to its Motor Vehicle Rules. The reforms target ageing, unsafe trucks and aim to make the province's roads safer, more transparent, and better policed.

Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Memon said at a press briefing on Wednesday that all heavy commercial vehicles will now be required to obtain fitness certificates from centres established by the transport department.

He added that, in case of violations, heavy fines would be imposed on vehicle owners, and all fines would be deposited online into the Sindh government's account.

Memon noted that one major cause of traffic accidents across the province, including Karachi, was old and poorly maintained heavy vehicles. Under the new rules, no heavy vehicle will be allowed on the roads without a fitness certificate and safety equipment.

#### **Heavy fines**

According to the amended rules, violators will face heavy fines. Memon said the law would come into effect within one year, during which all vehicles must undergo a mandatory roadworthiness test.

Violations will be penalised in stages: a minor fine for the first offence, Rs200,000 for the second, and up to Rs300,000 for the third.

**Age limits set for vehicles**

The new amendments also set age limits for vehicles. Memon said vehicles over 20 years old would not be permitted on inter-provincial routes; vehicles over 25 years old would not be allowed on inter-city routes; and a maximum age limit of 35 years would apply to vehicles operating within cities.

**GPS and HD cameras mandatory**

The amended rules make GPS tracking devices and high-definition cameras, including 360-degree systems, compulsory in heavy commercial vehicles.

According to Memon, each vehicle must be equipped with GPS tracking devices, high-definition cameras at the front and rear, a driver monitoring camera, and a 360-degree camera system.

He said the Sindh government believed that installing modern tracking and camera systems would not only make traffic law enforcement easier but also help determine the causes of accidents and ensure transparent investigations.

**No registration without under-run safety guards**

Additionally, under-run protection guards must be fitted to prevent smaller vehicles or motorcycles from being crushed in case of an accident.

These safety devices must be fully functional, and without certification, no vehicle will be registered, issued a fitness certificate, granted a permit, or allowed ownership transfer.

Memon warned that if any vehicle was found without these systems, or if they were deliberately damaged, heavy fines would be imposed. The vehicle would be suspended, and if defects were not rectified within 14 days, registration would be permanently cancelled.

Heavy vehicles have become increasingly notorious, particularly in Karachi, where accidents involving them have surged. A total of 165 people have lost their lives in such accidents this year.

Last month, after a water tanker collided with a motorcycle, killing two people, an angry mob set seven heavy vehicles ablaze. The incident prompted the Dumper Truck Association to shut down Super Highway and block routes from Sohrab Goth to Thatta.

Association leader Liaquat Mehsud said the protest was a response to the mob's torching of dumper trucks. He noted that while ten-wheeler tankers are permitted on roads during daylight hours, further investigation is underway to determine any negligence or violation.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 26/09/2025)

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**Two boys drown in pond dug by builder in Jauhar**

Two boys on Monday drowned in a pond dug by a builder for a housing project in the Bhattaabad area of Gulistan-i-Jauhar, police said.

Malir Cantonment SHO Agha Abdul Rasheed said that the builder had excavated the land near Magsi Chowk for a housing society, and the pit had since filled with rainwater. On Monday, three children were swimming in it when the incident occurred.

One child was rescued, while the other two drowned. The deceased were identified as Haris, 12, and Mureed, 12. The bodies were recovered and shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) for medico-legal formalities.

**Husband kills wife before taking his own life**

A man shot dead his wife and then took his own life in the Kala Pul area within the jurisdiction of Defence police on Monday evening, officials said.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza told Dawn that police found a man and woman dead inside a house in Hazara Colony.

Initial investigation revealed that the man, identified as Raja Saeed, 30, shot his wife, Sana, 28, following a heated argument and later turned the weapon on himself. The couple had been married for about five years and had no children.

The police's Crime Scene Unit collected evidence, including spent bullet casings and the pistol used in the incident. Further investigation is underway.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 30/09/2025)

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**'Point' bus runs over, kills KU student on campus**

A recklessly driven Karachi University (KU) bus ran over and killed a female student on the campus bus on Friday, police said.

The victim was identified as Aniq Saeed, a second-year student of the social work department.

The police said that she had gotten off a campus bus, commonly known as 'points bus', near the Dr Mahmood Hussain Library and was attempting to cross the road when a second point bus, apparently trying to overtake a third one, hit and ran her over.

The student suffered critical injuries and died on the spot. The accident angered students, resulting in protests on the campus.

Mubina Town SHO Mohammed Nawaz told Dawn that driver Iqbal Khan was arrested and the vehicle impounded. He said no one had approached the police to lodge an FIR till late in the night.

Regarding students' protest, he said that they chanted slogans for a while and later dispersed peacefully.

According to a KU press release, KU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood Iraqi visited the family to offer his condolences. He assured them of the university's full support during this difficult time.

The VC suspended the point bus driver responsible for the accident and formed a four-member inquiry committee to examine all aspects of the incident. "Based on the committee's findings, the KU will implement effective measures to prevent such unfortunate events in the future," the press release added.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 11/10/2025)

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### **Dumper kills man, smashes six vehicles in Karachi**

A reckless dumper driver smashed into three ambulances of the Edhi Foundation and three other vehicles, killing a man and injuring two others, near Merewether Clock Tower late on Saturday night, police and rescue services officials said on Sunday.

Kharadar police SHO Pawan Kumar told *Dawn* that a fast moving dumper hit three ambulances of the Edhi Foundation, one car, one motorcycle and one mini-bus of route number W-11.

As a result, the conductor of the mini bus Basit Ali, 25, was killed and two other people Shafiq Latif, 55, and Junaid Yusuf, 28, were injured. The officer said six vehicles were partially damaged in the accident.

The officer said the truck driver, who possessed a 'fake' licence, was arrested. He said that the driver was in his early 20s. The heavy vehicle was also impounded.

The driver claimed that the dumper truck went out of his control because of "brake failure".

The officer said it transpired later that it was a mere excuse as the fatal accident was the outcome of reckless and negligent driving.

The body of the deceased and the injured people were taken to the Civil Hospital Karachi.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 14, 13/10/2025)

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### **Woman, daughter among three killed in car crash**

Three women, including a mother-daughter and cousin, were killed while a young man was injured when a speeding car overturned after hitting the footpath near Star Gate on Sharae Faisal early Sunday morning.

According to police, the car (registration number BGQ-469) was heading from Drigh Road towards Malir when the driver reportedly lost control, causing the vehicle to crash into the pavement and overturn onto the opposite lane. Rescue teams shifted the injured to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, where two women later succumbed to their injuries.

The deceased were identified as 50-year-old Asma, her 19-year-old daughter Muntaha, and 22-year-old cousin Faryal Shayan - all residents of the Liaquat Market area in Malir. The injured, identified as Owais, is under treatment.

Police said the car was completely wrecked in the crash, which is believed to have been caused by overspeeding. The bodies were handed over to the families after legal formalities, and an investigation into the incident is underway.

#### **Man dies in hit-and-run near Do Talwar**

A tragic traffic accident near Clifton's Do Talwar area claimed the life of an unidentified man, approximately 45 years old. According to police, the man was critically injured after being struck by an unidentified vehicle. He was rushed to Jinnah Hospital via ambulance, where he succumbed to his injuries during treatment.

Police officials stated that no identification documents or personal items were found on the deceased to help establish his identity. Following legal formalities, the body was transferred to the morgue.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 13/10/2025)

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### **3 bike-riders killed by heavy vehicles in Karachi**

Three young motorcyclists were killed by heavy vehicles in the metropolis on Tuesday, police said.

In Korangi Industrial Area, two teenage boys were killed and one other was injured when a rashly driven coaster hit their motorcycle near Memon Institute at Singer Chowrangli. As a result, three teenagers sustained critical injuries.

They were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) where Mudasar Faheem, 15, and Ayan Ashraf, 14, were declared dead while Rafay Khalid, 16, was admitted for treatment.

The driver responsible for the incident, identified as Shahid Sattar, was arrested and the vehicle impounded.

In another incident, another young biker was killed on the main Mauripur Road on Tuesday morning.

Kalri SHO Saleem Marwat said that Habib Jamil, 22, was riding the bike when an unidentified trailer hit him while overtaking on the road. He sustained critical injuries and was taken to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

The driver of the heavy vehicle managed to speed away.

In a separate incident, a young man was killed in a hit-and-run accident off Superhighway.

The traffic police said that the man was critically injured and transported to the JPMC where he died during treatment. (By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 15/10/2025)

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### Woman killed in road accident

A woman was killed in a hit-and-run accident in the Malir Cantonment area on Thursday, police and rescue officials said.

Malir Cantonment SHO Agha Abdul Rasheed told Dawn that the woman, Rubi Waris, was travelling as a pillion on a motorcycle with her relative when a car hit the two wheeler inside Askari V.

Both of them sustained critical injuries and were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, where Rubi Waris, 52, was pronounced dead.

The errant driver managed to flee the scene. The officer said police were trying to obtain CCTV footage to ascertain identity of the car driver. (By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 17/10/2025)

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### Heavy vehicles claim lives of two bikers in Karachi

Two bike riders were killed and two others injured when heavy vehicles hit them in separate incidents in the city on Saturday, police and rescue services officials said.

Central SSP Zeeshan Shafiq Siddiqi told *Dawn* that 37-year-old Sabir Baber was riding a motorcycle when a water bowser (KJF-6195) hit him at Liaquatabad-10 in the limits of Sharifabad police station. He sustained critical injuries and was transported to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead.

The incident angered area people who set the heavy vehicle on fire, after which it was completely destroyed, said Rescue-1122 spokesperson Hassaan Ul Haseeb Khan. He added that it was a private company's bowser. The driver responsible for the incident escaped from the spot. The mob also damaged a trailer (TMP-156), said a traffic police official.

In another incident, a motorcyclist was killed while two others were injured when a heavy vehicle hit them on M.M. Alam Road near Malir Cantonment.

Model Colony SHO Shaukat Awan told *Dawn* that three persons were riding the bike when the six-wheeler loaded trailer hit them. As a result, they sustained critical injuries and were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where one of them was declared dead.

The officer claimed that he was present at Model Mor when the incident occurred. He rushed to the spot and controlled the situation. The errant driver was arrested. The identity of the deceased could not be ascertained immediately. (By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 19/10/2025)

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### Three die in accidents across city

Three persons were killed in separate accidents in the metropolis on Monday, police and rescue services officials said.

A teenager was killed and two others were injured in a hit-and-run accident at Native Jetty Bridge.

The police said the victims were riding a motorcycle when an unidentified vehicle hit them. They sustained critical injuries and were taken to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, where doctors pronounced 17-year-old Abdullah dead, while Mohammed Zohaib, 19, and Aman, 20, were admitted for treatment.

In another incident, a labourer was killed when a trailer ran him over inside the Port Qasim Authority (PQA).

The police said the trailer of a private company was loaded with goods inside the PQA. The labourer, Faiz Mohammed, 40, was loading the goods when he slipped, fell, and came under the wheels of the heavy vehicle.

He was taken to a private hospital in Gulshan-i-Hadeed, where doctors declared him dead. The truck driver was detained, and the vehicle was impounded by the police. Later, the body was shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for medico-legal formalities.

In yet another incident, a 17-year-old boy, identified as Abidullah, was killed on the main National Highway near Pipri, an Edhi Foundation spokesperson said.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 21/10/2025)

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### **Six children injured as school van bursts into flames in Karachi**

A major tragedy was narrowly averted in Karachi Monday morning when a school van caught fire in Nazimabad No 3, near Quba Mosque, moments before it was to leave for school with several children onboard.

According to the police and eyewitnesses, the van suddenly burst into flames inside a narrow street, quickly engulfing the vehicle. Residents, including women, rushed to the spot and began rescuing the children trapped inside. In the process, the driver and a local resident sustained burn injuries.

At least six children, including siblings Dawood and Aishal Muzzammil, were injured. They were rushed to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and then immediately shifted to the Burns Ward of the Civil Hospital.

Hospital sources confirmed that three children were later discharged after treatment, while nine-year-old Aishal remains under care at the burns unit.

Eyewitness Faisal told *The Express Tribune* that the incident occurred at around 7:45 am when the van had just stopped to pick up two girls. "Flames erupted so suddenly that the driver barely managed to escape. The children began screaming, and the neighbourhood guard alerted others. Together, we rescued around a dozen children," he said.

Residents claimed that within minutes, flames engulfed the van and turned it into ashes before the fire brigade arrived. One resident even used a water pump and hose from his house to try to extinguish the blaze. They added that the van was not equipped with an LPG cylinder, however, the fire may have caused by a short circuit or a petrol leak from the temporarily fitted fuel can in the front near driver seat.

The injured children's uncle mentioned that the petrol was leaking from the can and the driver was checking it when a spark caused the fire. He further said that the school administration had not contacted the parents after the van did not reach the school.

Residents also complained that neither police nor the fire brigade reached the scene in time. The Nazimabad SHO confirmed that the police had summoned the van owner for questioning and that initial investigation suggests the fire erupted due to overheating or an electrical short circuit. The van driver has gone missing after the incident, and a search is underway.

(By Sajid Raud The Express Tribune, 04, 28/10/2025)

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### **Court holds waste collection firm, driver responsible in biker's death, orders Rs42.7m compensation**

The Senior Civil Judge South has ordered the garbage collection truck company and one of their drivers to pay Rs42.7 million in compensation to the family of a man who was crushed by a garbage collection vehicle.

Announcing the verdict, eight years after the accident, the court ordered the defendants to pay the compensation to the plaintiffs within one month.

The court held the truck owners, Nisar Jan and Co and driver Daniel Masih, responsible for the accident. Four other defendants were acquitted in the case. The defendants had not raised any objection to the compensation claim.

It may be recalled that the victim Umar Yaseen Ansari along with his friend Ghiyasuddin was riding a motorcycle in North Karachi when a garbage truck hit their bike from behind in 2017. Umar died on the spot while his friend sustained injuries.

Medical documents and other evidence were presented to the court that confirmed the cause of the accident and death of the biker as cardio-respiratory failure due to the head injury.

The family of the deceased had filed the claim against six parties, including the truck company, Clifton Cantonment Board, a private bank as a lessor, and the truck driver.

The accused argued that a sessions court had acquitted them in the related criminal case, claiming that no such accident had occurred involving their truck.

(By Nasir Butt The Express Tribune, 04, 01/11/2025)

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### **Court orders driver, owner to pay Rs42.7m to heirs of man killed by dumper in 2017**

A senior civil judge has directed the owner of a garbage truck and its driver to jointly pay a total of Rs42.7 million in compensation to the legal heirs of a 31-year-old man, who died after his motorcycle was crushed by the dumper truck in North Karachi in 2017.

Initially, the legal heirs of deceased Umar Yaseen had filed a civil suit through their counsel before the Sindh High Court; however, it was later transferred to Senior Civil Judge (South) Sheikh Abbas Mehdi at the stage of final arguments in March in consequent of the Sindh Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 2025.

The suit had sought compensation under the Fatal Accidents Act, 1855, from the defendants, including the owner of the truck — M/s Nisar Jan & Co — its driver and others, over the death of Umar due to the negligence by the defendants.

After examining the evidence and hearing arguments from all sides, the court directed the owner of the truck and its driver to jointly pay Rs42.7 million (Rs42,762,959) in compensation to the legal heirs of the deceased, along with a 10 per cent mark-up from the date of institution of the suit till realisation of the amount.

The court, however, dismissed the suit against the remaining four defendants under the Fatal Accidents Act, 1855.

"It is well established principle that loss of human life cannot be measured in terms of coins, however, the Fatal Accident Act, 1855 was enacted to provide compensation to the bereaved families for loss occasioned by the death of a person caused by actionable wrong. According to the preamble of the Act, 1855, the said law was enacted to provide compensation to families for loss occasioned by the death of a person caused by actionable wrongs since no action or suit was then maintainable in any court against a person who by his wrongful act, neglect or default, may have caused the death of another person, and it was considered expedient that the wrong-doer in such case be made answerable through damages for the injury so caused by him," the court observed.

According to the counsel for the plaintiffs, on the day of the incident, deceased Umar Yaseen along with his friend, Gayazuddin, was riding a motorcycle in the North Karachi area when truck driver Daniel Masih, driving recklessly and negligently, hit the motorcycle from behind. As a result, Umar was killed while his friend sustained injuries.

Later, a case was registered against the driver under the relevant provisions of the Pakistan Penal Code; however, a court concerned exonerated him from the charges for want of evidence.

"It is well-established that exoneration of defendant No.6 [the driver] from the charge in a criminal case is not of any relevance while determining civil liability of the defendant," the court noted.  
(By Sumair Abdullah Dawn, 14, 01/11/2025)

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### **Trailer runs over, kills student on Karachi's Mauripur Road**

A trailer ran over and killed a teenage motorcyclist on Mauripur Road on Saturday, police said.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza said that two students of a private school were riding a motorcycle when the heavy vehicle hit them, resulting in critical injuries.

They were taken to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, where Asmatullah, 18, was pronounced dead while Naveed, 18, was admitted for treatment.

The driver responsible for the incident escaped from the spot, leaving behind the trailer that was impounded by the police.  
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 02/11/2025)

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### **Mob torches dumper after reckless driving claims youth's life**

A fast-moving dumper fatally struck a young man and injured his wife in the Garden area on Tuesday, police said.

The incident triggered a violent protest as residents gathered at the scene and set the heavy vehicle on fire.

"A garbage truck hit a motorcyclist on Nishtar Road near Karachi Sweets, killing him," South DIG Syed Asad Raza told Dawn.

He identified the deceased as 23-year-old Shahzeb Shahid and his wife as Misbah.

"The public set the dumper on fire," the officer confirmed and said that the blaze was later extinguished but nearly half of the vehicle was destroyed.

The dumper driver, Niazullah Afzal, was arrested and booked in a case under Sections 320 (negligent driving) and 337-G (hurt by rash or negligent driving) of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC).

Meanwhile, police also registered a separate case against Liaquat Mehsud, the Sindh president of the All Dumper Truck Owners Association, and other suspects for firing on the enraged protesters at the site of the incident.

In the FIR, complainant Abdul Qadir, who introduced himself as a social worker, said he was present at Nishter Road, where at around 3:30am, Mehsud arrived with 20-25 people, including two to three armed men, who resorted to firing on the protesters and fled.

However, a sessions court granted Mehsud interim bail against a surety bond of Rs50,000.

#### **Funeral prayer**

Later in the evening, the funeral prayer for deceased Shahzeb was held on Mirza Adam Road and was largely attended by leaders of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan, Jamaat-i-Islami, Pakistan Peoples Party and local residents. He was later laid to rest in a nearby graveyard.

Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori visited the residence of Shahzeb and offered condolences to the bereaved family. He termed the incident deeply regrettable and called for exemplary punishment for those responsible for such incidents.

Separately, PTI Karachi president Raja Azhar said that the "dumper mafia" had become unchecked due to the Sindh government's failure to ensure public safety.

He claimed that so far this year, 731 people had lost their lives in traffic accidents, including 217 killed by heavy vehicles, which he attributed to the government's "criminal negligence."

(By Imtiaz Ali Dawn, 13, 05/11/2025)

### **Passersby thrash speeding dumper truck driver for killing newlywed motorcyclist**

A speeding dumper truck hit Shahzaib, a ladies tailor, in Karachi's Garden area late on Monday night. He died enroute to the hospital while his wife sustained injuries. Passersby caught the errant driver and set his vehicle ablaze. The Dumper Trucks Association responded by firing gunshots in the air.

"My son had gone out for a ride with his wife after a full day of work when a dumper crushed him near Ramswami," said Muhammad Shahid, father of the deceased. "It has only been four months since he married a girl of his choice."

Given the neighbourhood's congested and narrow streets, the dumper truck driver, identified as Niaz, could not escape the site and was caught red-handed by citizens present at the time of the accident. A mob gathered to beat up Niaz before handing him over to the police.

Meanwhile, as news spread, Dumper Trucks Association President Liaquat Mehsud reached the site, attempting to rescue Niaz from the enraged crowd. His vehicle was pelted with stones while his guards opened fire. Passersby recorded the latter on video before Mehsud managed to flee.

The dumper in question remained ablaze till Tuesday morning.

Getting wind of the incident, members of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) reached the site and added fuel to fire.

#### **Case(s) lodged**

Two separate FIRs were registered at Garden Police Station. The first, on Shahid's complaint, under Sections 320 and 337-G of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) — pertaining to causing unintentional death and driving under the influence, respectively.

A second FIR was lodged on the complaint of social activist Abdul Qadir against Mehsud and his guards. Sections 337-H(II), 147, 148, and 149 of the PPC were invoked in this instance. Section 337-H(II) pertains to intentional attempt to cause hurt while the others deal with rioting, unlawful assembly and possession of deadly weapons.

Aggrieved citizens questioned why offences listed under the Anti-Terrorism Act were not included in the second FIR despite video evidence implicating Mehsud's guards with possession and use of automatic weapons.

#### **Superhighway closure & pre-arrest bail**

Earlier, Mehsud had announced that the association would block Superhighway for traffic if an FIR is not lodged against those who attacked him.

The association's spokesperson claimed that gunshots had been fired on Mehsud's car at the site. The vehicle bears clear gunshot marks, he insisted.

Qadir, on the other hand, remained adamant that it was Mehsud's guards who brandished weapons and fired bullets.

"We will not abandon the youth of Karachi. The city belongs to us and the people here are ours. We are setting an example by nominating Mehsud and the terrorists who came with him in the FIR," he said.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, the South District and Sessions Judge accepted Mehsud's pre-arrest bail plea against a surety bond of Rs50,000.

The court directed Mehsud to cooperate with the police for the investigation.

Taking notice of the matter, Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori extended condolences to Shahzaib's family and condemned the aerial firing by Mehsud's guards. He urged the police to take immediate action.  
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 05/11/2025)

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### **Brothers killed as passenger coach overturns**

A passenger coach lost control and overturned near Sharjah Market on Hub River road, resulting in the deaths of two brothers and injuries to 11 others, including a woman.

Rescue teams and police rushed to the scene following the incident, transferring the deceased and injured to Civil Hospital. Traffic was briefly disrupted, but police restored order at the site.

According to Chhipa authorities, the deceased brothers were identified as 15-year-old Daniyal and 17-year-old Ali Shah, sons of Javed. The injured include 55-year-old Ashiq Khan, 28-year-old Saeed Ahmed, 32-year-old Shoaib, 38-year-old Abdul Basal, 55-year-old Muhammad Kamal, 45-year-old Saleem, 55-year-old Zainat, 55-year-old Aqeel, 35-year-old Musafir Khan, and 35-year-old Maqsood. One injured person, aged 30, has yet to be identified.

SHO Saeedabad Pervez Solangi said that the whereabouts and condition of the coach driver remain unknown. Police are investigating whether he was injured or fled the scene.  
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 07/11/2025)

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### **Water tanker runs over, kills motorcyclist**

A fast-moving water tanker ran over and killed a motorcyclist on main Hub River Road on Friday evening, police said.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza said that the water tanker hit the bike-rider near Jamia Farooqia within the remit of the Moachko police station.

The victim sustained critical injuries and was taken to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival. The deceased's identity could not be ascertained till late in the night.

The driver responsible for the fatal accident managed to escape from the scene, leaving behind the heavy vehicle that was impounded by the police.

#### **Human skeleton found**

A human skeleton was found in the Safoora Goth area on Friday evening.

The Malir Cantonment police said that the skeleton was recovered during excavation work being carried out for the Bus Rapid Transit Red Line near Check Post-6.

The skeleton appeared to be around 14 or 16 months old, the officials shared and said that it was shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for medico-legal formalities.  
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 14, 08/11/2025)

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### **Truck runs over, kills biker on Native Jetty Bridge**

Another incident of reckless driving claimed the life of a motorcyclist on the Native Jetty Bridge on Saturday morning, police said.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza said two men riding a motorbike were on their way from the Native Jetty Bridge to 'Ghas Bandar' when a fast-moving truck hit them. They fell from the bike and suffered serious injuries. They were taken to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, where doctors pronounced Heera Lal, 47, dead while Ramji, 55, was admitted for treatment, the officer added.

The truck driver managed to escape from the spot, leaving behind his vehicle, which was impounded by the Docks police.

The DIG attributed negligent driving as the probable cause of the fatal accident.

#### **Car runs over, kills labourer on Karsaz Road**

Meanwhile, a labourer was killed when a car hit him on the main Karsaz Road early Saturday morning, an Edhi Foundation spokesperson said.

Sharing details, a traffic police official said that the car driver was involved in rash and negligent driving as the vehicle went out of his control and came onto the footpath, injuring the labourer who was working there.

The victim, identified as Bagh Chand Sukhio, 36, was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, where he was pronounced dead.

The car driver was arrested and the vehicle impounded.  
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 09/11/2025)

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### **Car driver runs over, kills two homeless men in Clifton**

A speeding car killed two homeless men sleeping on a footpath and injured two others near the shrine of Abdullah Shah Ghazi in the Clifton area early Monday morning, police said.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza told Dawn that the driver of a Toyota Corolla first hit a bike rider and then a pole. The car then came onto the footpath and ran over the destitute people sleeping there, injuring them badly.

They were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, where doctors pronounced two of them, identified as Kareem and Shabbir Ahmed, dead. Two other victims, Tahir Ali and Shakeel Hayat, were admitted for treatment.

The car driver, Ahmed Ghanchi, was also injured.

The officer said the blood samples of the driver taken at the hospital showed that he was under the influence of alcohol.

### **Youth dies as rickshaw rams into motorcycle**

A youth was killed and his elder brother was injured in a collision between a rickshaw and a motorcycle in North Nazimabad on Monday morning.

According to a traffic police officer, the accident occurred in Block A near KE office. The brothers, who were on a motorcycle, sustained critical injuries and were taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, where doctors pronounced Shahzeb, 20, dead while his elder brother Jehanzeb, 25, was admitted for treatment.

In another incident in Baldia Town, two trailers collided with each other on Monday. As a result, one driver was injured.  
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 11/11/2025)

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### **Seven Dow students swept away in Manora Beach tragedy**

Seven final-year medical students were swept away by strong waves in the Arabian Sea while swimming off Manora Beach near PNS Himalaya on Wednesday. Three of them were confirmed dead, three were rescued, and one remains missing and a search operation is underway.

According to police and hospital officials, three students drowned on the spot, while three were rescued from the sea in an unconscious state. They were first shifted to a nearby private clinic and later transferred to the Civil Hospital's Trauma Centre by Edhi ambulances.

Speaking to reporters outside the morgue, Dow Medical College Principal Dr Saba Sohail said that the final-year students had been given the day off. On Wednesday morning, 150 students of the final-year D-26 batch went to Hawke's Bay for a picnic as part of traditional end-of-session celebrations under the supervision of faculty members and security guards. All of them returned safely.

However, she added that a group of 15 students from the same batch had organised a separate picnic on their own at PNS Himalaya, Manora, through the father of one of the deceased students, without informing the institution or obtaining the college's permission.

One of the students was swept away by a wave; the other students ran to save him, as a result of which Ahmed Kashif, Muhammad Ashar Munir, and Syed Ashhad Abbas Fatemi drowned, and their bodies were brought to the morgue of the Civil Hospital. "We have received the bodies of three students, two are being treated at the Civil Hospital Trauma Centre, and one is in the ICU. One student is still missing, and the search continues," Dr Saba said.

The deceased were identified as Ahmed Kashif, Muhammad Ashar Munir, and Syed Ashhad Abbas Fatemi, while the rescued students were named Rizwan, Rabi, and Abdul Majeed.

Hospital sources said Abdul Majeed was admitted to the Medical ICU in critical condition, while the other two were out of danger. Dr Saba further added that the families of all affected students, except for the one in the ICU, had been contacted. She described the incident as a "great tragedy and a dark day" for Dow University.

The university has announced that a condolence meeting will be held for the deceased students on Friday at 9am in the Moin Auditorium. Upon receiving the news, the families of the victims and college officials quickly rushed to the hospital.

According to the survivors, the group was playing with a ball on the beach when it drifted into the sea. One student attempted to retrieve it but was swept away by the strong waves. Others who tried to rescue him were also pulled under.

Meanwhile, Dr Khalid Bukhari, the Medical Superintendent of Civil Hospital, confirmed that three bodies and three injured students had been brought to the hospital. He added that two of the injured students were out of danger, while one remained in critical condition.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 13/11/2025)

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### Young food delivery rider crushed to death

A 20-year-old food delivery rider died in a road crash in North Nazimabad on Wednesday evening.

The victim, identified as Babar, fell on the road after being struck by a car near Mazedar Haleem restaurant in the Landi Kotal area.

Moments later, a truck, which was reportedly carrying steel rods, ran over him, killing him on the spot. Rescuers shifted the body to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

Timuria police station SHO Qaiser Imtiaz confirmed that the truck driver was arrested, while the driver of the car fled the scene. The truck was impounded by police for further investigation.

Babar's family, who arrived at the hospital shortly after the incident, said that he was the third of four brothers and a resident of North Nazimabad, Sector 3. By day, Babar sold chips, and at night, he worked as an online food delivery rider to support his family.

His relatives have called on the Sindh government to ensure road safety and to address the growing concerns over reckless heavy vehicles operating within the city.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 13/11/2025)

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### Mob torches minibus after fatal accident in Karachi's Korangi

A man was killed and another injured on Thursday evening when a minibus collided with a motorcycle in the Korangi area, police and rescue services officials said.

The incident angered the area residents who set the bus on fire.

Korangi Industrial Area SHO Mohammed Ali Niazi told *Dawn* that two men were riding a motorcycle near Vita Chowrangi when the minibus hit them. They sustained injuries and were transported to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where doctors pronounced Manzoor Raheem, 40, dead.

The officer said the bus driver managed to escape from the spot, leaving behind the vehicle that was torched by an angry mob.

A traffic police officer said that the cause of the accident was the bus driver's reckless and negligent driving.

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### Dumper crashes into vehicles; one killed

A speeding dumper caused a deadly crash in Shah Latif Town on the National Highway, killing a rickshaw driver and injuring the driver of a HiAce van along with several others, according to a road accident analysis report prepared by the traffic police.

The impact of the collision destroyed the rickshaw and severely damaged the HiAce van. Traffic police's Road Accident Analysis Team declared the dumper driver responsible, citing overspeeding, negligence and reckless driving. Authorities also imposed a Rs100,000 fine for failing to install a mandatory tracker in the dumper, issuing an e-challan to the vehicle's owner, Sher Zada.

Shah Latif Town police have registered a case under sections 322, 337-G, 279 and 109 of the Pakistan Penal Code against the dumper's driver, Mohammad Hassan, and the owner. The early-morning crash occurred when the inexperienced driver ploughed the dumper into a rickshaw, a HiAce van and a cabin shop, killing the rickshaw driver, Rahim Bakhsh, on the spot.

According to the traffic police spokesperson, mandatory installation of tracking devices on heavy commercial vehicles is part of the city's traffic-management and monitoring system.

Despite repeated instructions, the dumper involved in the crash was not fitted with a tracker. "All commercial and heavy vehicle owners are instructed to strictly follow the regulations for public safety," the spokesperson said, adding that legal action will continue without discrimination.

Karachi Traffic Police have already enforced a complete ban on dumper trucks and water tankers operating without trackers. Only vehicles equipped with functional trackers linked to the traffic police control system are allowed on the roads. Officials say the enforcement aims not only to strengthen compliance but also to ensure the safety and convenience of commuters.

The accident report states that HiAce driver Abdul Fattah was critically injured, while other injured persons include cabin shopkeeper Ali Hasan Shah and four passengers travelling in the rickshaw and HiAce. Investigators added that the dumper's fitness certificate was also not available.

A case (No 1724/2025) has been lodged on the complaint of Inspector Nasir of the Traffic Section Zulfiqarabad.

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### **Trailer runs over, kills pedestrian in Karachi's Korangi**

Reckless driving claimed life of a young man in Korangi Industrial Area in the small hours of Saturday morning.

According to traffic police, the fatal accident took place near Brooks Chowrangi when the driver of a trailer hit an unidentified pedestrian, aged around 35, when he was crossing the road. He sustained critical injuries and was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

The driver responsible for the accident managed to escape, leaving behind the heavy vehicle that was impounded by the police.

The police attributed reckless and negligent driving as the main cause of the accident.

#### **Stray bullet kills man**

A motorcyclist was killed when a stray bullet hit him on the Nipa flyover in Gulshan-i-Iqbal late on Friday night, police said on Saturday.

Aziz Bhatti SHO Deedar Ali Abro said that the man, identified as Irfan Ali, 45, was traveling on the bike along with his maternal nephew when a bullet fired from an unknown direction hit him.

He was taken to the JPMC where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

Police surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed said the man sustained a bullet wound in the upper torso.

Meanwhile, a woman was gunned down near Janjal Goth off Superhighway on Friday night, police said.  
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### **Scooty-riding woman killed in road crash**

A speeding car rammed into a scooty near Dumba Goth on M9 Motorway on Sunday, causing two women riding the two-wheeler to fall off a bridge. One of them died on the spot, while the other sustained critical injuries.

According to police, the victims — both residents of Bahria Town and teachers by profession — were travelling towards the city when the accident occurred. The car hit the scooter with such force that the women were thrown off the bridge. Rescue teams and area residents rushed to the spot shortly after the incident.

The deceased was identified as 20-year-old Samra Sheikh, daughter of Hatim Sheikh, while the injured woman was identified as 37-year-old Rabia Naz, daughter of Shahid Ali. Both were shifted to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, where doctors confirmed Samra's death. Rabia remains in critical condition.

Gadap City SHO Sarfaraz Jatoi told The Express that the victims were colleagues and worked at a private coaching centre in the city. "They were riding from Bahria Town towards their workplace when a speeding vehicle hit their scooter near Dumba Goth," he said. The police have impounded the car and arrested the driver, identified as Kashif Aziz. Further investigation is under way.

Relatives of the deceased said the two women were close friends and neighbours. Samra's cousin told reporters that she taught English at a language centre. The pair had left home together in the morning on their scooter when the speeding vehicle struck them from behind. "The speed at which the car hit their scooter is beyond our understanding," he added.  
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 18/11/2025)

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### **Teacher dies, another hurt as car hits their scooty**

A schoolteacher was killed and another injured when a car hit their scooty near the Superhighway on Monday morning, police and rescue services officials said.

Gadap City SHO Sarfaraz Jatoi told Dawn that Sumaira Hakim, 32, and Rabia Naz Shahid Ali, 37, were heading towards their school when a fast-moving car hit their scooty near Dumba Goth on the Superhighway (now Motorway-9).

They sustained critical injuries and were taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, where doctors pronounced Ms Hakim dead on arrival while Ms Naz was admitted for treatment, he added.

The police have arrested the driver, identified as Kashif Aziz, and impounded the car.  
(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 18/11/2025)

### **Two bikers killed by heavy vehicles**

Reckless and negligent driving claimed the lives of two young men in the metropolis on Tuesday, police and rescue services officials said.

A traffic police official said that an unidentified man in his 20s was riding a motorcycle when a water tanker hit him near Do Minute Chowrangi in North Karachi. He sustained critical injuries and was transported to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead.

The tanker driver managed to escape from the spot, leaving behind the heavy vehicle, which was damaged by an angry mob.

The tanker was impounded by the Bilal Colony police. The police claimed the tanker was fitted with a tracker.

In another incident, a man, identified as Mohammed Nawaz, 27, was hit and killed by a trailer near Pakistan Kanta on Northern Bypass, an Edhi Foundation spokesperson said. The body was shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

#### **Man shot dead, woman hurt**

A man was shot dead and a woman was critically injured in an armed attack on a car in Bhattaiaabad on Tuesday evening, according to police.

Malir Cantonment police SHO, Agha Abdul Rasheed said the couple was traveling in the car when two assailants riding a motorcycle started indiscriminate firing on them.

As a result, the man, identified as Asghar Majeed Bijarani, 45, was killed on the spot. His woman companion suffered critical bullet wounds and was shifted to the JPMC for treatment.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 19/11/2025)

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### **Dumper runs over, kills biker**

A motorcyclist was killed and his pillion rider injured when a dumper hit their two-wheelers on Superhighway on Saturday, officials said.

Malir Cantt SHO Agha Abdul Rasheed said that the accident occurred near Zakaria Goth. The deceased was identified as Shahid and injured as Sohail.

The driver responsible for the fatal accident was identified as Fazal. The police arrested him and impounded the heavy vehicle.

#### **Woman dies in hit-and-run**

A woman was killed in a hit-and-run accident in the Sultanabad area on Saturday, according to police and rescue services officials.

They said that the driver of a fast-moving car hit the woman on M. T. Khan Road and escaped.

She sustained critical injuries and was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre in a private car, where she died during treatment.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 13, 23/11/2025)

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### **Water tanker runs over, kills biker**

Reckless driving claimed the life of a motorcyclist in the Korangi area on Wednesday, according to police.

The police said that at around 1:20am, a water tanker (JQ-3106) hit a bike at Singer Chowrangi near Korangi-5. As a result, two men sustained critical injuries. They were transported to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where Uzair Bukhari, 30, was pronounced dead while his pillion rider Faheem Moiz was admitted for treatment.

The driver responsible for the fatal accident managed to escape from the spot, leaving behind the tanker that was seized by the Awami Colony police.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, Dawn, 14, 27/11/2025)

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### **2 dead, 20 hurt as launch collides with speedboat near Manora**

A woman and a teenage girl were killed and 20 others, including children, were injured after a "private" speedboat collided with a passenger launch at the sea near Manora on Sunday evening, officials said.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza told *Dawn* that the wooden launch was heading towards Jetty No 1 from Manora Beach when it collided with the speedboat at about 6:30pm.

The impact destroyed the launch, injuring 22 people from four families. They were rescued by the Pakistan Navy and Karachi Port Trust administration and shifted to a private hospital in Clifton and the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi for treatment.

Two females – Arousa Khurram, 30, and Muqaddas Ejaz, 17 – died during treatment, while two children were placed on ventilators due to their precarious condition.

Some of the injured were identified as Daud Khurram, Khadija Jamshed, Yusra Ejaz, Saima Jamshed, Salman Aijaz, Ahad Jamshed, Huzaifa Afzal, Zara Ayub, Urooj Khurram, Amanullah, Arifa, Anushay, Sara, Rayan, Riyan, Ayesha, Mahak Taufiq and Roohan Taufiq.

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### **Body of child who drowned in manhole found after 15 hours**

The body of a three-year-old boy who drowned in an open manhole near Nipa in Gulshan-i-Iqbal on Sunday night was found on Monday, around 15 hours after the incident.

The tragic event, particularly the lack of cooperation from relevant civic agencies to launch an immediate search, angered relatives and area residents, who staged a protest on University Road on Sunday night and again during the day on Monday.

The official apathy can be gauged from the statement of a Rescue 1122 spokesperson, who said that civic bodies such as the Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation, the concerned town administration and others did not provide rescuers with the required information regarding the entry and exit flow of the drain.

As a result, the rescue teams had to conduct searches at seven places, and the body was found at the last spot, around two kilometres away from the manhole.

According to witnesses and officials, the victim, identified as Ibrahim Nabil, was accompanied by his parents while shopping at a departmental store near Nipa. They said the boy fell into the manhole after the family left the store.

The child's father also told the media that Ibrahim ran towards his motorbike in the parking area without realising the open manhole and fell.

Rescue 1122 spokesperson Hassaan-ul-Haseeb Khan told Dawn they received information about the incident at 10pm on Sunday night.

He added that the rescue body did not usually initiate search operations at night due to a lack of visibility. But since a huge crowd had gathered, who were "highly agitated", and the parents were in a state of extreme distress, the rescue's lifeguards started the operation inside the drain but could not trace the boy.

Mr Khan said the water rescue team, along with a rescue vehicle, continued the search for a considerable time, but the boy could not be traced till late at night.

He said their rescue operation began again in the morning, and after several hours, the boy's body was found floating in the drain at a distance of around two kilometres from the place of the incident.

The spokesperson said their teams faced difficulties in bringing heavy machinery to the spot because of road blockades.

Area residents rushed to the scene, and they were later joined by the boy's relatives and reportedly by political and religious activists.

When the search operation was halted, they staged a protest on University Road near Nipa, where traffic remained suspended for over three hours, according to police and traffic officials.

The protesters lit bonfires and some of them allegedly pelted law enforcers with stones.

On Monday evening, a large number of people including politicians attended the funeral prayers for Ibrahim in Shah Faisal Colony. He was laid to rest in a local graveyard amid moving scenes.

Meanwhile, the tragic incident triggered widespread outrage across the political spectrum on Monday, with opposition parties including Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan, Jamaat-i-Islami, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, Majlis Wahdat-i-Muslimeen, Grand Democratic Alliance, Markazi Muslim League and others squarely blaming the PPP-led provincial administration and the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) for what they termed "criminal negligence".

The boy's death, they said, reflected a complete collapse of civic management in the city and demanded that Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab resign immediately.

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### **Anger grows over manhole death**

The widespread outrage that the tragic death of a child, who drowned in an open manhole in Gulshan-i-Iqbal near Nipa, ignited has intensified, with political parties, civil society, and celebrities demanding answers, asking: "Who is responsible for this?"

Three-year-old Ibrahim fell in an uncovered manhole in front of a departmental store near Nipa on Sunday evening. The body was recovered after a 15-hour-long rescue operation on Monday.

By Tuesday evening, the manhole and the connected drain that had been dug up by rescuers to retrieve the body remained open, posing a threat to people.

Many parties held protests against the provincial administration on Tuesday and demanded that the Karachi mayor resign.

*Pleas for FIR against mayor, KWSC, Gulshan town chairman and judicial inquiry land in courts*

A lawyer moved a sessions court seeking registration of a case against the mayor, Gulshan Town chairman, Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KWSC) and Red Line contractor over their alleged negligence.

Another lawyer filed a petition before the Sindh High Court for a judicial inquiry.

#### **Protests continue**

The Jamaat-i-Islami on Tuesday staged a protest near Nipa against Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab and the Sindh government of Pakistan People Party (PPP) over the incident that claimed the life of the three-year-old a day earlier.

The protesters carrying placards and banners chanted slogans against the PPP government and demanded the mayor's resignation.

Senior party leader and opposition leader in the City Council Advocate Saifuddin said Karachi had been "bleeding for long" and another innocent life had now been lost.

Those responsible, directly or indirectly, should be nominated in the FIR, he said, urging the Sindh chief minister to take serious action.

Also on Tuesday, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf leaders visited the area near Nipa and pointed out that the manhole was yet to be covered. They strongly condemned the inaction of the PPP-led provincial set-up and municipal authorities and demanded that lids be placed on all uncovered gutters across the metropolis.

Meanwhile, the Karachi Restoration Movement (KRM) demanded that an FIR for the alleged killing of Ibrahim be registered against the mayor.

Speaking at a press conference outside the KMC head office, KRM leaders said that as mayor — the "custodian and father of the city" — he must be held responsible.

They announced that their protest camps would continue across the city in mourning for Ibrahim and other children who had died in similar incidents, and that their campaign would continue until a case is registered and the mayor resigns.

#### **Lawyers move courts**

A lawyer on Tuesday filed an application before a sessions court seeking registration of a case against the mayor, Gulshan town chairman, KWSC and the contractor of Red Line project over their alleged negligence.

Applicant Advocate Sheikh Saqib Ahmed filed the application under Section 22-A of the Criminal Procedure Code and submitted that the tragic death of the child was not an isolated incident, as at least 23 people have lost their lives in Karachi in 2025 due to falling into open manholes.

He stated that after incident, he approached the Aziz Bhatti SHO for lodging an FIR under Section 322 (qatl-e-bis-sabab) of the Pakistan Penal Code against the proposed accused persons but the police refused to register the case.

Meanwhile, another lawyer filed a petition in the Sindh High Court seeking an independent judicial inquiry into the same incident by a district and sessions judge.

Petitioner Gulzar Nigar also sought directives for the mayor and all 25 town chairmen to file detailed reports about uncovered manhole trenches and pits in the city.

The petitioner also asked the SHC to further direct the respondents to formulate and implement a city-wide municipal safety and hazard prevention framework.

#### **Social media outrage**

Many X users framed Ibrahim's death not as an unfortunate mishap, but as the latest example of systemic failure in the city.

One post captured the sentiment bluntly: "Imagine taking your child shopping and walking out with empty arms because the street itself swallowed him... This isn't an 'accident'; it is state-engineered negligence. Every open manhole in Karachi is a death trap waiting for another Ibrahim."

Actor Mahira Khan called out "unimaginable apathy" after watching a "video of a mother helplessly screaming, crying for her baby". All she could ask was, "Who the hell is responsible for Karachi?"

Sajal Ali criticised the city's crumbling infrastructure and "collapsing, failed system", saying she couldn't imagine the parents' pain as they waited for a miracle that never came because "there was no one to save him".

She added that Karachi "carries the weight of millions yet receives no care in return".

Adnan Siddiqui blamed the authorities who “couldn’t be bothered to cover a manhole”, calling the tragedy a “simple, preventable act of responsibility” and the indifference “as if human life means nothing here”.

Rapper Talha Yunus said, “My heart weeps and my blood is boiling; this is all the result of our government’s incompetence. 2026 is almost here and this is the state of our city. Curse you,” he said, offering condolences to the family.

Naumaan Ijaz also questioned the government’s priorities, saying, “Cameras worth millions have been installed [to give out] e-challans, but manhole covers were not installed to save someone’s life.”

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### **Reckless truck driver kills motorcyclist**

Reckless driving by a truck driver claimed the life of a young man on the main National Highway on Tuesday, according to police and rescue services officials.

They added that the man, Syed Najeebullah, 25, was riding a motorcycle when the trailer truck driver hit him on the highway opposite the Rangers’ post near Kala Board.

The young man sustained critical injuries and was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre in an ambulance where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival, said Saudabad police SHO Ateeq Rehman.

The truck driver managed to escape from the spot, leaving behind the heavy vehicle, which was impounded by the police.

A traffic police official blamed negligent and reckless driving by the driver for the fatal accident. The incident occurred at 4.30pm.

#### **FIR against lynching mob**

Police on Tuesday registered a murder and rioting case against over 30 unidentified people, who caught a suspected robber who had shot dead a citizen for putting up resistance. They later beat him and set him on fire.

The alleged robber died of injuries and burns as videos of the incident went viral on social media.

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### **Two teenage bikers killed in hit-and-run accident**

Two teenage boys were killed in a hit-and-run accident on I.I. Chundrigar Road on Sunday, police said.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza said two teenage friends — Murtaza, 18, and Ali, 17 — were riding a motorbike when an unidentified vehicle hit them.

They sustained critical injuries and were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), where doctors pronounced them dead on arrival.

He said the police are trying to obtain CCTV footage to ascertain the identity of the driver responsible for the fatal accident.

Meanwhile, an Edhi Foundation spokesperson said that 15-year-old Mohammed Bilal was killed in a road accident on the main National Highway near Jogi Mor. The body was shifted to the JPMC.

Separately, a 70-year-old man, Alam Khan, was killed in an accident on Superhighway in Gadap . The body was shifted to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital.

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### **Dumper runs over, kills biker**

A garbage-carrying dumper truck of the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) ran over and killed a motorbike rider at Nagan Chowrangi on Monday, police said.

New Karachi SHO Mohammed Saud told Dawn that the man, identified as Hameedur Rehman, was riding his two-wheeler when the truck (GS-TC 9593) hit and crushed him to death under the Nagan Chowrangi flyover.

The incident angered residents. They caught the driver, Allah Rakha, and beat him before the police arrived, after which he was taken into custody, the SHO added.

The officer said there was no CCTV footage available at the spot. However, witnesses told the police that the accident occurred because the victim was allegedly riding on the wrong side of the road.

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

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### **Tanker runs over, kills 12-year-old cyclist in Karachi**

A recklessly driven water tanker ran over and killed a minor boy riding a cycle near Bengali Para in Korangi's 100 Quarters area on Friday, police said.

They said that the victim, identified as 12-year-old Farhan, was cycling from one direction while the water tanker was approaching from the opposite side when the collision occurred.

They added that the narrow road had long been a safety hazard for commuters because of encroachments which played a major role in the fatal accident.

The police said that the tanker driver, identified as Noor Hussain, was arrested and he told the police that he was driving at a slow speed and there was no negligence on his part.

They said that the CCTV footage of the incident shows a truck parked on one side of the narrow road. As the water tanker attempted to pass through the tight space, the child—approaching from the other side on his bicycle—appeared to lose balance, leading to the accident.

The driver also told the police that the tanker did not directly hit the child. According to him, the boy fell from his bicycle and slipped under the vehicle's rear wheels.

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### **Three of a family killed as car slams into parked truck**

Three members of a family were killed and a fourth was critically injured when a speeding car crashed into a parked truck on the M-9 Superhighway on Friday. The family was travelling from Hyderabad to Karachi when the driver — the couple's young son - reportedly fell asleep at the wheel.

According to police, the crash occurred near Nagori Kanta within the jurisdiction of the Gadap City police station. A fast-moving car ramed into a stationary truck, resulting in the instant death of a woman and two men, police added while sharing details of the crash.

Motorway Police, Rescue 1122's Highway Satellite Station team, local police, and volunteers from various welfare organisations rushed to the scene. The casualties were pulled from the wreckage and shifted first to the nearby police station and later to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital.

The deceased were identified as 55-year-old Ashkok, son of Ghan Sham; his wife, 50-year-old Sita; and their 22-year-old son, Sahil. The injured survivor was identified as Sanjay, son of Ashkok.

A spokesperson for the Motorway South Zone stated that the accident occurred after the driver dozed off due to fatigue. Rescue 1122 officials confirmed that they provided first aid to Sanjay before shifting him to hospital.

PS Gadap City SHO Sarfaraz Jatoi said the family belonged to the Hindu community and had been travelling from Hyderabad to Karachi. He added that the injured driver, around 18 years old, told police he had informed his father he was feeling sleepy, but was told to continue driving since the destination was close. Moments later, the car slammed into the parked truck.

According to SHO Jatoi, the family hailed from Islamkot, district Tharparkar, and was on its way to attend a wedding in the Bahadurabad area.

#### **Bicycle slip leads to deadly tanker crash**

A 12-year-old boy lost his life in a road crash involving a water tanker in the metropolitan city. The incident occurred near the main market of Korangi 100 Quarters, Bengali Para, on Friday morning.

According to Zaman Town police, the child, identified as Farhan, son of Noor Muhammad, a resident of Bengali Para and the youngest of eight siblings, was shifted to JPMC.

Farhan, a madrassa student, had gone to play in a nearby ground as the madrassa was closed for the day. His friend told police that Farhan had rented a bicycle and was returning it when the accident took place. Residents said a speeding motorcyclist slightly grazed Farhan's bicycle, causing him to lose balance and fall. At the same moment, a passing water tanker ran over him with its rear wheels.

PS Zaman Town SHO Nafees ur Rehman said some people attempted to set the tanker on fire, but police intervened in time. The driver, Noor Hussain Shah, who tried to flee, was arrested.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 13/12/2025)

### **Woman, two sons die as car crashes into parked trailer**

Three members of a family were killed when their speeding car crashed into a parked trailer on the M-9 motorway near Bahria Town Karachi on Friday, police and rescue officials said.

The collision, described as severe, left a woman and her two sons dead and her husband injured. They were identified as Seeta, and her two sons, Ashok and Sahil.

According to a Rescue 1122 spokesperson, emergency teams, including highway rescue units and support vehicles, were sent to the scene immediately after receiving the alert about the accident.

Upon arrival, the officials said, rescue workers began efforts to extricate the victims trapped inside the mangled vehicle. Despite their timely response, three occupants of the car could not survive the impact.

All three suffered fatal injuries and were pronounced dead at the scene. Rescue officials stated that the force of the collision with the trailer left the vehicle extensively damaged, making the extraction process challenging.

The injured was identified as Sanjay, the woman's husband. "The rescue staff provided him with emergency medical aid on-site before arranging his transfer to a nearby hospital for further treatment. His condition remains critical," according to the Rescue 1122 spokesperson.

"The available evidence and witnesses suggest that the vehicle was traveling at high speed before hitting the stationary trailer. We have launched an investigation and are working to review any available CCTV footage to establish the sequence of events," said a police official.

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### **Truck runs over, kills motorcyclist in Mauripur; driver held**

In the recent surge of fatal accidents involving heavy vehicles in Karachi, a young motorcyclist was killed and his pillion rider injured by a trailer truck driver near Bara Board, PAF Gate, in Mauripur, police said on Sunday.

According to the Mauripur police, the accident occurred when the trailer ran over the motorcyclist, killing 20-year-old Taimur on the spot, while 22-year-old Kashif sustained injuries. Both the victims were residents of Mauripur.

The area police added that the two young men were riding a motorcycle and allegedly racing with other boys at the time of the incident. The injured was taken to hospital.

The police arrested truck driver Muhammad Hassan and impounded the truck.

Legal proceedings have been initiated against the driver, while further investigation into the circumstances of the accident is underway, they said.

The latest incident comes against the backdrop of a worrying increase in deadly road accidents involving heavy vehicles, particularly water tankers and dumpers, across Karachi.

Only last week, a first-year college student and a 12-year-old boy lost their lives in separate incidents after being hit by water tankers in different parts of the city, triggering renewed concerns over reckless driving, poor enforcement of traffic laws and the unchecked movement of heavy vehicles in densely populated areas.

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### **'Speeding, reckless' driving claim two bikers' lives**

A young motorcyclist was killed in a traffic accident near Magsi Chowk in Gulistan-e-Jauhar on Monday, while 11 schoolgirls sustained minor injuries in a separate road mishap on II Chundrigar Road.

The fatal accident occurred in the Malir Cantonment police limits where a motorcyclist lost control of his bike due to over speeding. The rider reportedly fell off the motorcycle and struck the footpath, resulting in his death on the spot. His body was shifted to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for legal formalities.

SHO Malir Cantonment Agha Abdul Rasheed said the deceased appeared to be around 24 years old, and his immediate identification could not be ascertained. Efforts are underway to establish his identity.

In another incident, a private school coaster went out of control near Cafe Bogie on II Chundrigar Road and mounted the footpath, injuring 11 schoolchildren. The injured were shifted to hospital by Edhi ambulances, where their condition was reported to be stable.

Police said the accident occurred due to brake failure. The coaster was carrying students and teachers and was heading for a picnic when the mishap took place.

**'Speeding' car kills motorcyclist**

A young motorcyclist was killed and another injured after a speeding car rammed into their motorcycle near Hasan Square in Gulshan-e-Iqbal.

The accident occurred in the Aziz Bhatti police limits. Both victims were shifted to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital by Chhipa ambulance.

A Chhipa spokesperson said the deceased was identified as 25-year-old Hussain, while the injured youth was identified as 19-year-old Nauman, son of Shah Zameen. The accident occurred due to overspeeding. Police have arrested the car driver responsible for the accident, while further investigation is underway. Both the deceased and the injured were residents of Gulshan-e-Iqbal.

(By Newspaper's Staff Reporter, The Express Tribune, 04, 16/12/2025)

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**Dumper runs over, kills biker near Malir Cantt**

A recklessly driven dumper ran over and killed a motorcyclist and injured another near Malir Cantonment on Tuesday.

According to police, the deceased was identified as Haider, son of Ghulam Rasool. Another individual, identified as Shehbaz, sustained injuries in the accident and was rushed to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. His condition was reported to be stable.

Initial investigations revealed that a dumper and a passenger coach were being driven at high speed. The passenger coach collided with another vehicle, causing chaos on the road. Moments later, the dumper lost control and struck a motorcyclist, resulting in the fatal crash.

The Malir Cantt police claimed to have arrested the dumper cleaner and impounded the vehicle.

However, both the drivers of the dumper and coach managed to, prompting police to launch a search operation to apprehend them.

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**Two teenage bikers die after crashing into flyover wall**

Two teenage bikers were killed during a race with other motorcyclists on the PIDC flyover on Sunday evening, police said.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza told Dawn that some boys were racing on their motorcycles when one of them lost control and crashed into the flyover wall within the remit of the Frere police station.

The biker and his pillion, later identified as Yash Kishan and Dhan Raj Kishor, suffered critical injuries and were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, where doctors pronounced them dead on arrival.

The police attributed speeding as the main cause of the fatal accident.

They said both victims lived in the servants' quarters of the Chief Minister House as their parents worked there.

Meanwhile, two trailers collided with each other on the Northern Bypass near Yousuf Goth bus terminal on Sunday.

The crash caused significant damages to both heavy vehicles, but no one suffered injuries.

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**Water tanker runs over, kills motorcyclist**

A young motorcyclist was run over and killed by a water tanker in the SITE area, police said on Sunday.

They said that the incident took place late on Saturday night near Habib Chowrangi.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza said that the driver managed to escape from the spot, leaving behind the tanker which was seized by the police.

He said that the body was shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

**Suspect shot dead in 'encounter'**

A man, said to be the ringleader of an inter-provincial gang of robbers, was gunned down in an alleged encounter on Lyari Expressway near Gulshan-e-Iqbal on Sunday.

Special Investigation Unit SSP Dr Mohammed Imran Khan said that the police got a tip-off that suspect Amir would pass through the expressway in a car. As police signalled him, he resorted to firing. The police returned fire, killing him on the spot.

The official said a pistol, Rs2.5 million, gold ornaments were recovered from the car.

"The killed suspect was the ringleader of an inter-provincial gang of robbers who snatched cash and jewellery from their victims," said the SSP.

He said he was involved in 30 cases registered in Karachi and Lahore.  
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### **Over 15k road crash victims brought to JPMC this year; 800 died**

More than 15,000 traffic accident cases have been reported at the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) so far this year, resulting in the loss of over 800 lives, experts said on Tuesday. However, they added that the fatality rate from traffic accidents has declined during the last six months compared to the first half of the year.

The observations were shared at an awareness rally on trauma cases, attended by DIG Traffic Pir Muhammad Shah, JPMC Executive Director Prof Khalid Sher, and Deputy In-charge Emergency Dr Irfan Siddiqui.

Addressing the gathering, DIG Shah stressed the need to raise public awareness about traffic rules and trauma prevention. He said a meeting with MPAs was being held to ensure effective implementation of traffic laws.

He announced that 12,000 traffic cameras would be installed across the metropolis over the next two years. Large and clearly visible number plates would be made mandatory, while excise receipts would also be required, he added. "All standardised number plates would be ready by October."

DIG Shah further said that the tracking system was helping recover stolen vehicles, and warned that strict action would be taken against underage drivers. He reiterated that the death rate in traffic accidents had shown a decline in the last six months.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Khalid Sher said that road traffic accidents had become a major cause of death and disability.  
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### **Car driver runs over, kills woman**

Reckless and negligent driving claimed the life of a woman in Gulistan-i-Jauhar on Friday, police and rescue services officials said.

East SSP Zubair Nazir Shaikh said that Najma Shabbir Ahmed, 25, was passing through a road near Munawar Chowrangi in Block-14 when a car hit her. She sustained critical injuries and was taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre where doctors pronounced her dead.

He said the driver responsible for the incident was arrested and the car was impounded.  
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### **Two brothers among four killed in accidents on Superhighway**

Four people, including two brothers, were killed in three different accidents on Superhighway, officials said on Saturday.

They said two young brothers were killed when their car overturned, allegedly due to speeding, on the Superhighway near New Subzi Mandi.

Traffic police said in a statement that the car (BKV-904) was travelling from Hyderabad to Karachi when it overturned opposite Shahbaz Goth. As a result, the two brothers, Sami Faiz Mohammed, 28, and Muzzakir Faiz Mohammed, 20, were killed. Their bodies were shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital.

In another accident, a speeding bus overturned after its brakes failed on a road linking the National Highway with the Superhighway in Malir near Gulshan-i-Hadeed on Saturday, killing one passenger and injuring five others, including two women, rescue services officials said.

Rescue-1122 spokesperson Hassaan ul Haseeb Khan told Dawn that the bus, which was carrying 75 passengers, was on its way from Sanghar to Korangi. When it reached the Link Road, its brakes failed and due to speeding, the vehicle overturned. He said the rescue team rushed to the spot after receiving the information and retrieved the body of a man identified as Irfan Ali.

Five other passengers, Ramesh Kumar, 43; Alok Kumar, 35; Fariya Ahmed, 38; Kirshan Lal, 40, and Asifa, 17, were injured. They were shifted to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for treatment.

In the third incident, a teenager was killed in a hit-and-run accident on the Superhighway on Saturday.

An Edhi Foundation spokesperson said a 15-year-old boy was killed near Kathor Bridge when a hit-and-run driver struck him.

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### **Two killed as passenger van crashes into trailer**

A minor girl and a man were killed and five others including two children injured when their van crashed into a trailer on the Superhighway (now M-9 motorway) on Tuesday, police and rescue services officials said.

Gadap City SHO Sarfraz Jatoi told Dawn that a Toyota Hiace carrying passengers was ostensibly speeding. When the driver applied the brakes, they failed, and the vehicle collided with a trailer from behind on the Superhighway near Malik Iqbal, injuring seven passengers, including three children.

The driver fled the scene, leaving the vehicle behind, which was impounded by police for investigation.

The injured were taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, where doctors pronounced Naheed Naveed, 9, and Khalik Ahmed, 50, dead on arrival.

The deceased girl's younger sister, Nausheen Naveed, 7, along with Mariam Ahmed, 7, Hasan Mustafa, 20, Mohammed Dawood, 55, and Ambreen Awan, 26, were admitted for treatment.

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