

ROAD SAFETY DAILY COVERAGE REPORT DECEMBER 6TH , 2011

NATIONAL (INDIA)

3 killed, 7 others injured in road accidents Three persons were killed and seven others injured in road accidents in Bihar's Lakhisarai district in the past 24 hours, police said on Monday. Two persons were killed and five others injured as a bus in which they were travelling lost control and overturned near Abgil village on Sunday night, police said. Efforts were on to ascertain the identity of the victims, they said adding the bodies have been sent for post-mortem. The injured were admitted to a referral hospital at Suryagadha, police said. **3 killed, 7 others injured in road accidents** In another incident on Monday morning, one person was killed and two others injured in a collision between a jeep and a bus near Jhulauna village even as angry locals set on fire the bus during a protest, they said.

7 killed in road accident in southern India Seven people were killed and 15 injured early Monday morning when the van in which they were traveling collided with a bus near Salem in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, reported Press Trust of India. The van from the neighboring state of Andhra Pradesh was carrying nine Hindu devotees on their way to the famous Sabarimala hill shrine in Kerala, southern India, when the mishap occurred, said the report. Deadly road accidents take place frequently in India, with at least 110,000 people killed on the road each year.

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20 Die in Cameroon Road Accident Some 20 people died on the spot and over 30 others were taken to medical centres for urgent attention early Monday morning after a 70-seat passenger bus crashed into a trailer poorly parked along the road at Tonga, a locality some 210 km north of the capital on the Yaounde-Bafoussam highway, state radio reported. Confirming the report, security forces said the passenger bus which left Bamenda in the North-West region was traveling to the capital until it bashed into the trailer at about 1:30 a.m. and burst into flames. "Once the passenger bus hit the trailer and caught fire its doors could not open, so most of those who died on the spot were roasted into ashes," a police officer and eyewitnesses who traveling along the same road told Xinhua. "Those who managed to save their lives had to break open some of the windows of the bus to jump out."

How the 'World's Most Expensive Car Crash' happened By now you've probably seen the aftermath of this weekend's massive supercar crash in Japan involving eight Ferraris, a Lamborghini, and a Toyota Prius — among others — that resulted in what may be upwards of \$3.85 million in damage. Here's how it happened. Supercar accidents may occur with a sad frequency, but this 14-vehicle pileup in Japan is particularly awful thanks to the number of supercars involved. This wasn't a race track and all the cars, in theory, have brakes. When authorities arrived on the scene of the accident along the Chugoku Expressway in the southern part of the Yamaguchi Prefecture near Shimonoseki they found a mess of exotics tangled up with a few non-exotics, including a curious Toyota Prius.

Curbing Road Accidents Road accidents always bring pain to victims and their families. Currently in the news is the accident which has claimed more than 35 lives on the Tamale-Bolgatanga truck road over the weekend. When such accidents occur, one is compelled to ask whether the fight against carnage on the roads is being lost. Road accidents in Ghana continue to claim more lives than HIV and AIDS, malaria and other deadly diseases combined. This situation

has given the country the tag of being one of the accident prone zones in the sub region. Regrettably though, majority of these fatal accidents can be prevented especially those caused through human errors. In the Central Region alone, 134 people have died from road accidents between January and October this year according to the MTTU. This is only an average of what happens in the country.

Separate road accidents claim 2 lives Two people were killed Monday in separate road accidents in the cities of Jbeil and Batroun, the National News Agency reported. In Jbeil, a woman was killed when her Kia Rio crashed into an electricity pole near Mar Gerges Church. The police arrived at the scene of the accident and a Red Cross ambulance transported the victim's body to a nearby hospital. Elsewhere, an unidentified vehicle killed a man in a hit-and-run accident on Batroun Highway.

New Road Safety Company to reduce road accidents A new company, Road Safety Management Services Ltd (RSMSL), has been created to deal with the high incidence of road crashes and accidents on Ghana's roads as a result of broken down vehicles left in the middle of the road. RSMSL will provide a broad array of road safety services to the country on a build-operate-and transfer basis under a public-private partnership scheme, whereby the company will finance the supply, installation and maintenance of a network of traffic cameras to check excessive speeding and reckless driving. It will also finance the operation and maintenance of vehicle recovery and towing services on the roads, to ensure rapid removal and recovery of accident/broken-down vehicles on the roads.

5 killed in four road accidents Five persons died in four road accidents in the city and its outskirts. Sirisha (26) of Vijayapuri Colony died and her husband Srinivas was injured in a road accident at Uppal on Sunday. The mishap took place while the couple were returning home after taking part in Ayyappa Swamy Pooja. A lorry hit their vehicle from behind near the Mahatma Gandhi statue on Uppal Ghatkesar road. In another accident, two persons were fatally run over by a van at LB Nagar. Laxman (40) of Chintalkunta, and Mohan (60) of BHEL, were going on a bike from Sagar road to LB Nagar when the van hit them. In a separate incident, an employee of a jewellery showroom was fatally knocked down by a speeding car at Greenlands on Saturday night.

Road Safety Groups Outraged as 'Hangover Cure' Drink Goes on Sale A drink marketed as a hangover cure is enraging Australian road safety groups who fear it will encourage drunk driving. The so-called "pick-me-up" Security Feel Better drink went on sale in Australia last week, with its website promising that users will feel the effects of its work breaking down alcohol in the blood system within 45 minutes. The potion's Sydney marketing director, Michael Romm, said the French-made drink, based on artichoke extract, contained an enzyme that helped break down alcohol in the liver five times faster than the body on its own. He said he had not had the drink scientifically tested, but believed it had the potential to lower blood-alcohol levels within the hour.

Accident research body scores funding boost The Centre of Accident Research and Road Safety in Queensland will receive a significant funding boost as part of government efforts to curb the state's road toll. The government's Motor Accident Insurance Commission has signed off on a \$7.25 million cash injection over three years for CARRS-Q, with the funds to be directed at research, education and outreach activities. Finance and Arts Minister Rachel Nolan says the investment in accident research and road safety is necessary to prevent injuries and reduce the road toll. "Given that most crashes can be attributed to driver error, the significance of CARRS-Q and its research program cannot be overestimated," she says. Nolan says the program focuses on vulnerable road users, illegal and high-risk behaviours, injury prevention and occupational road safety.

Road crashes claim seven lives and leave scores injured in province SEVEN people died in separate road accidents yesterday. In one accident, four men were killed when a Nissan 1400 bakkie collided head-on with a Toyota Tazz near the Woodview cemetery along the R102 in

Phoenix yesterday morning. Netcare911 spokesman Chris Botha said the occupants of both vehicles were trapped when paramedics arrived at the scene. "The occupants of the vehicles were trapped in the twisted frames of the vehicles. After examination it was established that four men had died on impact," he said. Police Captain Thulani Zwane said three people in the Tazz had been killed while the fourth person killed in the crash had been travelling in the bakkie. A case of culpable homicide has been opened. Three people were killed in an accident at the intersection of Adrain and Umgeni roads in Durban yesterday morning.

Elderly woman left with head injuries after being hit by car An elderly woman has been left with a head injury after being hit by a car. The woman, believed to be in her 70s, was injured after the car tried to swerve to avoid her in Mayfield, Midlothian. The vehicle then ploughed into a traffic light on an island after the accident at about 2.30pm on Monday. The woman suffered a head injury and was taken to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for treatment. Easthouses Road was closed at the junction with Lauder Road as police dealt with the accident.

Kaul Singh injured in road accident Himachal Congress chief Kaul Singh was injured in a car accident on the outskirts of Shimla late Monday. Sources said he sustained cuts and bruises on his head and face. He was immediately rushed to IGMC hospital by passers by. His condition is said to be stable. Reports said Kaul Singh was driving the car when the accident took place, the vehicle apparently skidded off the road near Totu.

4-year-old injured in farm accident A 4-year-old boy was seriously injured Monday evening in a farm accident on South Glenora Road in Dundee. The 4-year-old was on the back of farm equipment on the family farm around 5:40 p.m. when the equipment was struck by another piece of farm equipment, New York State Police in Dundee said. His father was sitting in a second piece of farm equipment when it rolled towards the first piece, striking it and causing the injury, police said. The father told police that both pieces of equipment were not running at the time of the accident.

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- **BRAZIL**

Mir eager to prove beating Nogueira was no fluke It was a victory that brought Frank Mir full circle — from Ultimate Fighting Championship titleholder to near death and back to UFC champion — yet the fighter, almost three years to the day, still feels like he hasn't gotten due credit for one of the biggest wins of his career. When Mir faces Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira for a second time, in the co-main event of UFC 140 on Saturday at Toronto's Air Canada Centre, he has the chance to command the respect he says has been missing. "You can say that you had an (injury), but I think in general any time that you state that, 'Well, I lost because of an injury,' I think that's a disrespect towards your opponent," said Mir, as he readied for the rematch versus Nogueira.

- **CAMBODIA**

- **CHINA**

[Preliminary cause of Hainan road accident verified](#) The preliminary cause of a road accident that occurred in south China's Hainan province on November 29 has been verified, according to the province's work safety administration. A preliminary report created by the bureau's investigatory team stated that the accident was caused by overloading, as well as by one of the vehicles involved driving in the wrong lane. The investigatory team sent the report to the provincial government on Monday. The accident occurred at 3:40 pm on November 29, when a truck crashed head-on with a medium-sized bus that was carrying 23 passengers near the city of Wuzhishan, according to the provincial traffic police headquarters. The drivers of both vehicles died at the scene and the injured passengers were rushed to a nearby hospital, sources with the Wuzhishan fire brigade said.

- **EGYPT**

- **KENYA**

- **MEXICO**

[Police busy with accidents](#) Law enforcement agencies across New Mexico hope people avoid traveling during the extremely hazardous winter weather conditions plaguing the Tularosa Basin. But if people do need to travel, law enforcement officials said they urge the use of extreme caution on roadways due to the heavy snowfall on Monday. Weather conditions are not expected to improve until Tuesday afternoon. New Mexico State Police officials closed U.S. Highway 70 between Holloman Air Force Base and Las Cruces on Monday. State police also closed Interstate 25 between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences, as well as Interstate 10 between the Arizona and the Texas state lines. NMSP spokesman Robert E. McDonald said I-10 was closed because of an estimated eight- to 10-car pileup, as well as dangerous ice and snow accumulation.

- **RUSSIA**

[Ex-E&Y partner claims corruption at the firm](#) Lyons claims he reported concerns about alleged corruption at the firm to the practice's director of global tax and was subsequently dismissed and his health insurance terminated. In 2006 he was involved in a serious road accident resulting in permanent disabilities and partial amputation. He continued to work for the Big Four firm in a reduced role until his dismissal in 2010. Subsequently his medical insurance was withdrawn which he believes is a direct breach of a previous agreement he had with Ernst & Young to receive cover for life.

- **TURKEY**

- **VIETNAM**
