

Police warn motorists against stunt driving

Word of caution for drivers as World Cup kicks off today

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Dubai: A motorist has been fined and his vehicle confiscated for performing stunts in Al Warqaa and endangering the lives of other road users. With the Fifa World Cup set to begin today, police have cautioned motorists against committing such reckless acts on the road.

A person tipped-off the police about a gathering in Al Warqaa where a motorist was planning to perform a stunt with his vehicle, said Major General Mohammad Saif Al Zafein, Director-General of the Traffic Department at Dubai Police.

A police patrol unit parked at a distance to observe what the person would do with his vehicle, he said.

The Emirati in his early twenties performed reckless and dangerous stunts such as balancing the vehicle on two wheels on Academic City Road. The patrol unit immediately intervened and confiscated the vehicle from the man, said Maj Gen Al Zafein.

The man tried to collect his car back from the traffic department after last week's incident but his request was denied. The department did not specify the period of confiscation.

Last month, Dubai Police arrested and charged two young Emiratis for conducting similar stunts on Shaikh Zayed Road.

The incident took place on May 1 during a celebration convoy after the Al Wasl football club won a tournament.

The two men charged have extensive traffic violation records, and have had their driving licences confiscated, police said. The three cars involved in the incident have been impounded.

In the wake of the Fifa World Cup which kicks off today, Maj Gen Al Zafein cautioned motorists against committing such stunts or arranging celebration convoys without informing the traffic department.

"We are not holding anyone from expressing their excitement after a football match but endangering the lives of others and obstructing the traffic flow is a serious offence," he said.

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