

# Expatriate accumulates fines of Dh187,000

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Dubai: The Arab woman is one of 11,396 motorists who have piled up more than Dh10,000 in unpaid traffic fines, police said as they launched a campaign to recover Dh100 million in penalties.

The expatriate, who accumulated the fines over several years, is no longer in the country, having cancelled her residence visa.

She tops the list of individuals with unpaid traffic fines, said Major Ahmad Al Ayalli, Director of the Following-up of Fines Department at Dubai Police's Traffic Department.

"While attempting to track down the woman, the traffic department found out that she had cancelled her residence visa and left the country without paying the fines," he said.

According to police, the fines snowballed when the woman repeatedly failed to renew her car registration. She incurred fines for several other traffic violations, with speeding being the main offence.

Two men from Gulf countries also topped Dh100,000 in fines — one owes Dh127,000, while the other's fines totalled Dh117,270.

Undercover traffic inspectors will be patrolling Dubai's roads to confiscate vehicles from motorist who have accumulated huge amounts in traffic fines for years, Al Ayalli said. They will also target motorists who have unpaid fines over Dh10,000 accumulated in a year.