

Five die in Al Gharbia car crash

Driver, who probably fell asleep, rams into truck parked on Sila-Abu Dhabi highway

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Abu Dhabi: Five Afghan nationals were killed in an accident in Al Gharbia, the western region of Abu Dhabi, when their car rammed into a truck parked off the highway, police said.

"The accident took place early morning on Thursday along the Sila-Abu Dhabi highway," an Abu Dhabi police official told Gulf News.

"All the victims, driver and four passengers of the car, were Afghan nationals," said an official.

The truck was parked off the road and the driver was sleeping inside.

Colonel Hamad Saeed Bin Trais Al Daheri, Director of the Western Region at Abu Dhabi police, said that the car driver was clearly at fault as the truck was parked well away from the highway. "The car driver may have slept due to fatigue, resulting in the accident," he said.

The bodies of the deceased are now at hospitals at Mirfa and Madinat Zayed, and will be transferred to the preventive medicine department in Abu Dhabi today, officials said.

According to a hospital staff, the car was coming from Saudi Arabia and heading to Abu Dhabi.

Just a few weeks earlier, on March 29, another accident claimed six lives and injured 44 people, also in Al Gharbia. The accident apparently occurred when the bus was trying to make a U-turn from the Gayathi road to the road that leads to Ruwais, and the truck rammed the bus.

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