

The Morning Fatigue Critical for Highway Accidents

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The increased traffic on the motorways, the warm weather, the inadequate speed and the fatigue are the most common causes of the accidents. Photo: dnevnik.mk

Tragic was the epilogue of the trip of a couple from Belgium, who caused the traffic accident on the Skopje-Gevgelija highway, during which Marija D. (67) has lost her life and her husband M. V., who was driving the vehicle, sustained severe injuries, Telegraf.mk reports.

The accident happened three kilometers from the border crossing "Bogorodica", when the Belgian with his "Toyota

Avensis" hit an empty oil truck on the side where his wife was sitting. She died at the scene.



According to the preliminary and unofficial data of the investigation, the reasons for the accident are most likely the driver's **fatigue** and inadequate speed.



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Highways are busiest in the summer due to the summer vacations and there lurks the greatest risk of **traffic** accidents. Statistically, the **accidents** are more frequent in July and August, says Ljupcho Stavreski, Secretary of the National Security Council on Road Traffic Safety.

"The increased traffic on the motorways, the warm weather, the inadequate speed and the fatigue are the most common causes of the accidents. The plan is to mark the traffic lanes with white lines that will indicate the mandatory distance between vehicles to avoid accidents because if a driver can drives properly, but he cannot hope on the ethics of other drivers," Stavreski said.

According to the **Interior Ministry**, 90 accidents occurred on the highways in the country last year, in which 11 people were killed and 157 were injured. Compared with 2012, this number is dramatically decreased. Namely, 412 accidents that killed 34 people and injured 761 people, occurred in 2012 on the highways in the country.

The long drive from the North towards **Macedonia** is causing great **fatigue** among transiting drivers and those who chose our country as a **summer** destination. The morning **fatigue** is exactly the most frequent cause of road traffic offenses, and, in the worst case, of accidents too.

The chief of the Mobile unit for traffic safety on the roads, Dejan Pancevski, said that during the summer, the mobile police teams are very careful of these drivers and they are stopping them, issuing warnings or even issuing fines if they make more serious offense.

"Speeding, irregular overtaking, drunk driving and **fatigue** are offenses that the foreign drivers are fined for," Pancevski explains.

MOI issues appeal on safe driving every year regarding the roads in our country considering it is situated at the crossroad of the European Corridors 8 and 10 that are exceptionally busy with

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traffic during the summer, when large number of tourists and expats are using their summer vacations to visit some destination or to visit the homeland.

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