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Traffic accidents: January-March 2005

In the first quarter this year, the number of reported accidents reached 3,912; an increase of 545 or 16.2 per cent over the same quarter last year. In the period under review, the number of accidents in the Southern Eastern, Western Districts registered an increase of 24.0 and 26.4 per cent respectively. The South Harbour, Northern Harbour and Northern Districts registered an increase of 102, 149 and 78 cases over the same quarter last year. In Gozo and Comino the number of accidents increased by 58 to 190 from 132 in the previous year.

In the quarter under review, 127 drivers sustained injuries as a result of traffic accidents; of these, 95 suffered slight injuries. There were 31 drivers who suffered grievous and there was 1 fatality. During the same period, 53 pedestrians and 75 passengers were injured and 2 pedestrian fatalities 1 male and 1 female.

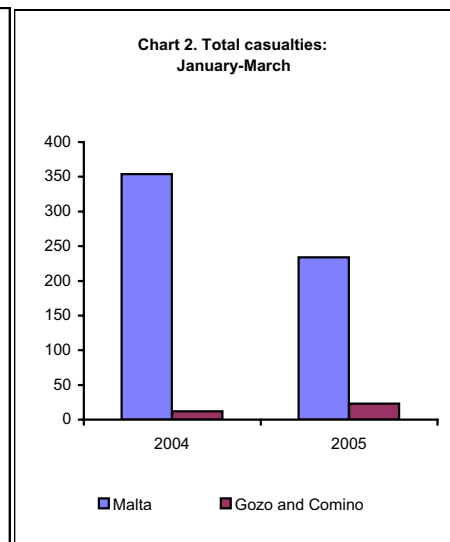
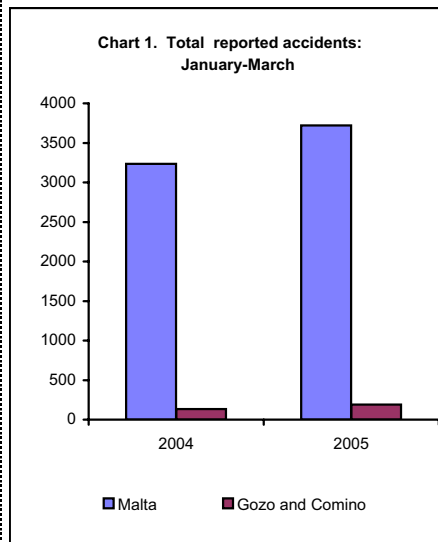
The number of slightly-injured persons in the first quarter of 2005 totalled 193; of these, 109 were males and 84 were females. In the 15-24 and 25-39 year age groups, 33 males in each age group suffered slight injuries. The number of injured females in the same age groups reached 23 and 25 respectively. Persons sustaining grievous and fatal injuries totalled 64; 43 were males and 21 were females. There were 3 traffic deaths in this quarter, 2 males and 1 female.

In the first quarter of 2005, there were 257 reported casualties; of these, 201 or 78.2 per cent were caused by passenger cars, while 32 or 12.5 per cent were caused by goods vehicles. There were 71 casualties in the 15-24 and 25-39 years age groups; 102 of them occurring to passenger car travellers.

In the quarter under review, 131 or 51.0 per cent of the reported casualties occurred during Friday-Sunday. However, the 3 fatalities happened on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday respectively ■

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**Table 1. Traffic accidents
Total cases**

Region/District	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005
				January-March	
Malta	13,383	13,304	14,917	3,235	3,722
Southern Harbour	2,849	2,852	3,350	731	833
Northern Harbour	5,623	5,501	6,167	1,376	1,525
South Eastern	1,340	1,320	1,242	288	357
Western	1,305	1,301	1,712	337	426
Northern	2,266	2,330	2,446	503	581
Gozo and Comino	679	675	726	132	190
Total	14,062	13,979	15,643	3,367	3,912

**Table 2. Traffic accidents
Casualties**

Region/District	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005
				January-March	
Malta	1,201	1,093	1,185	354	234
Southern Harbour	221	225	242	61	40
Northern Harbour	433	381	418	152	91
South Eastern	184	128	139	36	33
Western	133	109	171	41	26
Northern	230	250	215	64	44
Gozo and Comino	111	95	96	12	23
Total	1,312	1,188	1,281	366	257

**Table 3. Traffic accidents
Injuries sustained by drivers**

Region/District	January-March							
	2004				2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Malta	178	32	2	212	85	31	1	117
Southern Harbour	33	6	-	39	16	4	-	20
Northern Harbour	76	11	-	87	32	9	-	41
South Eastern	19	5	1	25	12	6	-	18
Western	23	2	-	25	13	3	-	16
Northern	27	8	1	36	12	9	1	22
Gozo and Comino	9	2	-	11	10	-	-	10
Total	187	34	2	223	95	31	1	127

**Table 4. Traffic accidents
Injuries sustained by pedestrians**

Region/District	January-March+B52							
	2004				2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Malta	25	16	-	41	29	18	2	49
Southern Harbour	3	3	-	6	5	3	-	8
Northern Harbour	13	11	-	24	14	9	2	25
South Eastern	0	1	-	1	3	4	-	7
Western	4	1	-	5	2	-	-	2
Northern	5	-	-	5	5	2	-	7
Gozo and Comino	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	6
Total	25	16	-	41	34	19	2	55

**Table 5. Traffic accidents
Injuries sustained by passengers**

Region/District	January-March							
	2004				2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Malta	89	11	1	101	58	10	-	68
Southern Harbour	16	0	0	16	10	2	-	12
Northern Harbour	37	4	0	41	24	1	-	25
South Eastern	7	2	1	10	6	2	-	8
Western	9	2	0	11	6	2	-	8
Northern	20	3	0	23	12	3	-	15
Gozo and Comino	1	0	0	1	6	1	-	7
Total	90	11	1	102	64	11	-	75

Table 6. Casualties by sex and age in Malta, Gozo and Comino: January-March 2005

	2004				2005												2005			
	January-March				January				February				March				January-March			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total																				
age unknown	23	4	-	27	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	2
Up to 14 years	16	3	-	19	11	2	1	14	2	-	-	2	5	3	-	8	18	5	1	24
15 - 24 years	89	13	-	102	12	5	-	17	21	3	-	24	23	7	-	30	56	15	-	71
25 - 39 years	91	15	-	106	14	9	-	23	19	1	-	20	25	2	1	28	58	12	1	71
40 - 59 years	68	15	3	86	11	2	-	13	10	8	-	18	20	5	-	25	41	15	-	56
60 years and more	15	11	-	26	6	4	1	11	2	1	-	3	11	8	-	19	19	13	1	33
Total	302	61	3	366	55	22	2	79	54	13	-	67	84	26	1	111	193	61	3	257
Male																				
age unknown	9	2	-	11	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Up to 14 years	5	1	-	6	5	2	-	7	1	-	-	1	4	2	-	6	10	4	-	14
15 - 24 years	54	10	-	64	6	3	-	9	13	3	-	16	14	4	-	18	33	10	-	43
25 - 39 years	54	11	-	65	6	8	-	14	13	1	-	14	14	2	1	17	33	11	1	45
40 - 59 years	37	11	2	50	7	-	-	7	7	6	-	13	9	3	-	12	23	9	-	32
60 years and more	9	9	-	18	3	2	1	6	1	-	-	1	5	5	-	10	9	7	1	17
Total	168	44	2	214	28	15	1	44	35	10	-	45	46	16	1	63	109	41	2	152
Female																				
age unknown	14	2	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Up to 14 years	11	2	-	13	6	-	1	7	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	8	1	1	10
15 - 24 years	35	3	-	38	6	2	-	8	8	-	-	8	9	3	-	12	23	5	-	28
25 - 39 years	37	4	-	41	8	1	-	9	6	-	-	6	11	-	-	11	25	1	-	26
40 - 59 years	31	4	1	36	4	2	-	6	3	2	-	5	11	2	-	13	18	6	-	24
60 years and more	6	2	-	8	3	2	-	5	1	1	-	2	6	3	-	9	10	6	-	16
Total	134	17	1	152	27	7	1	35	19	3	-	22	38	10	-	48	84	20	1	105

Table 7. Total casualties by means of transport, age and type of injury in Malta 2005

		2004	2005												2005			
		January-March	January				February				March				January-March			
			Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total	Motorcycles	39	2	2	0	4	6	1	0	7	9	1	1	11	17	4	1	22
	Passenger cars	288	51	16	1	68	35	11	0	46	65	22	0	87	151	49	1	201
	Coaches and Buses	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	
	Goods vehicles	33	2	4	1	7	12	1	0	13	9	3	0	12	23	8	1	32
	Total	366	55	22	2	79	54	13	0	67	84	26	1	111	193	61	3	257
Up to 14 years	Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	Passenger cars	13	10	2	0	12	2	0	0	2	4	3	0	7	16	5	0	21
	Coaches and Buses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Goods vehicles	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
	Total	19	11	2	1	14	2	0	0	2	5	3	0	8	18	5	1	24
15 - 24 years	Motorcycles	8	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	5	0	0	5
	Passenger cars	87	11	5	0	16	17	3	0	20	18	6	0	24	76	14	0	60
	Coaches and Buses	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Goods vehicles	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	3	4	1	0	5
	Total	102	12	5	0	17	21	3	0	24	23	7	0	30	56	15	0	71
25 - 39 years	Motorcycles	19	1	2	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	1	1	5	7	3	1	11
	Passenger cars	78	12	5	0	17	13	1	0	14	18	1	0	19	43	7	0	50
	Coaches and Buses	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	Goods vehicles	7	1	2	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	7	2	0	9
	Total	106	14	9	0	23	19	1	0	20	25	2	1	28	58	12	1	71
40 - 59 years	Motorcycles	11	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	3	1	0	4
	Passenger cars	64	11	1	0	12	3	6	0	9	16	5	0	21	30	12	0	42
	Coaches and Buses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Goods vehicles	10	0	1	0	1	6	1	0	7	2	0	0	2	8	2	0	10
	Total	86	11	2	0	13	10	8	0	18	20	5	0	25	41	15	0	56
60 years and more	Motorcycles	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Passenger cars	22	6	3	1	10	0	1	0	1	9	6	0	15	15	10	1	26
	Coaches and Buses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Goods vehicles	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	4	3	3	0	6
	Total	26	6	4	1	11	2	1	0	3	11	8	0	19	19	13	1	33
Age unknown	Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Passenger cars	24	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2
	Coaches and Buses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Goods vehicles	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	27	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2

Table 8. Total casualties by day of the week

Day	2004			2005		
	January-March			January-March		
	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Fatal	Grievous	Slight
Drivers						
Monday	1	4	30	-	2	16
Tuesday	1	4	33	-	3	16
Wednesday	-	4	24	-	4	7
Thursday	-	2	27	1	6	9
Friday	-	5	25	-	3	13
Saturday	-	5	26	-	5	13
Sunday	-	10	22	-	8	21
Total	2	34	187	1	31	95
Passengers						
Monday	1	2	8	-	2	7
Tuesday	-	-	6	-	1	7
Wednesday	-	1	6	-	-	5
Thursday	-	2	14	-	-	7
Friday	-	2	13	-	1	8
Saturday	-	2	13	-	3	9
Sunday	-	2	30	-	4	21
Total	1	11	90	-	11	64
Pedestrians						
Monday	-	-	2	1	3	8
Tuesday	-	3	3	-	4	1
Wednesday	-	2	2	1	1	5
Thursday	-	4	6	-	2	7
Friday	-	5	1	-	5	7
Saturday	-	2	7	-	1	4
Sunday	-	-	4	-	3	2
Total	-	16	25	2	19	34

Table 9. Total drivers' casualties, age and sex

	January		February		March		January-March	
	No. of fatal driver-casualties	No. of injured driver-casualties	No. of fatal driver-casualties	No. of injured driver-casualties	No. of fatal driver-casualties	No. of injured driver-casualties	No. of fatal driver-casualties	No. of injured driver-casualties
2004								
Total	-	60	-	50	2	111	2	221
15 - 24 years	-	16	-	17	-	31	-	64
25 - 59 years	-	44	-	31	2	67	2	142
60 years and over	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	7
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8
Total - Males	-	38	-	34	2	82	2	154
15 - 24 years	-	10	-	10	-	27	-	47
25 - 59 years	-	28	-	23	2	43	2	94
60 years and over	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	6
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
Total - Females	-	22	-	16	-	29	-	67
15 - 24 years	-	6	-	7	-	4	-	17
25 - 59 years	-	16	-	8	-	24	-	48
60 years and over	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
2005								
Total	-	34	-	42	1	50	1	126
15 - 24 years	-	7	-	14	-	12	-	33
25 - 59 years	-	26	-	27	1	33	1	86
60 years and over	-	1	-	1	-	5	-	7
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Males	-	24	-	32	1	35	1	91
15 - 24 years	-	6	-	11	-	10	-	27
25 - 59 years	-	17	-	20	1	21	1	58
60 years and over	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	6
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Females	-	10	-	10	-	15	-	35
15 - 24 years	-	1	-	3	-	2	-	6
25 - 59 years	-	9	-	7	-	12	-	28
60 years and over	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Methodological Note

1. Traffic accidents data are compiled from administrative information provided by the Police Department and the Guard and Warden Services Limited.
2. The data contained in this release are not normally subject to revision.
3. The type of casualty (slight or grievous) is determined by the Health Department. The definitions for deaths caused by road accidents refer to the European Conference for Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and United Nations (UN) and Economic Commission for Eu.

NUTS classification

The Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) is a common classification that is used to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics with regard to the European Union. It was adopted on 26 May 2003 by means of a Regulation¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council.

¹ (EC) No. 1059/2003

NUTS levels

Administrative area	I (National)	II (National)	III (Regional)	IV (District)	V (Locality)
MALTA	x	x	x	x	x
Malta			x		
Gozo & Comino			x		
Southern Harbour				x	
Northern Harbour				x	
South Eastern				x	
Western				x	
Northern				x	
Gozo & Comino				x	

COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS - NUTS level V

Southern Harbour: Valletta, Birgu, Isla, Bormla, Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Luqa, Marsa Paola, Santa Luċija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

Northern Harbour: Qormi, B'Kara, Gżira, Hamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pietà, San Ġiljan, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.

South Eastern: Żejtun, B'Bugia, Gudja, Għaxaq, Kirkop, M'Scala, M'Xlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Safi, Żurrieq.

Western: Mdina, Żebbuġ, Siġġiewi, Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

Northern: Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mġarr, Mosta, Naxxar, San Pawl il-Baħar.

Gozo and Comino: Rabat, Fontana, G'Sielem & Comino, Għarb, Għasri, Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Sannat, Xgħra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.