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Traffic accidents: October-December 2005

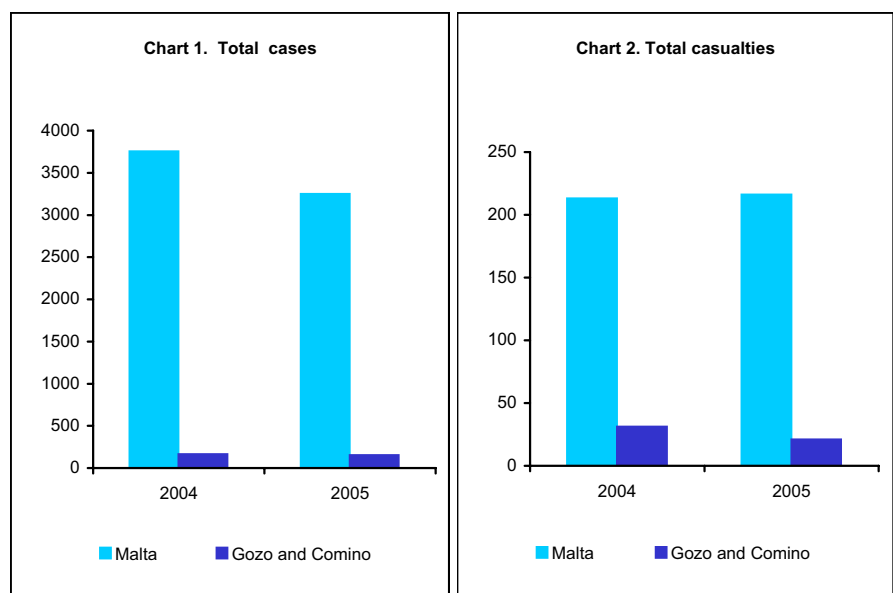
In the fourth quarter this year, the number of reported accidents reached 3,402; a drop of 515 over the same quarter last year. In the period under review, the number of accidents in the Southern Harbour, Northern Harbour, Western and Northern Districts registered a decrease of 13.9, 14.1, 18.7 and 18.6 per cent respectively. The South Eastern District registered an decrease of 34 cases over the same quarter last year. In Gozo and Comino the number of accidents decreased also by 12 to 152 from 164 in the previous year.

In the quarter under review, 131 drivers sustained injuries as a result of traffic accidents; of these, 104 suffered slight injuries. There were 25 drivers who suffered grievous and there were 2 fatalities. During the same period, 36 pedestrians and 65 passengers were injured. There were a further 5 passengers fatalities in this quarter.

The number of slightly-injured persons in the fourth quarter of 2004 totalled 186; of these, 110 were males and 76 were females. In the 40-59 and 25-39 year age groups, 33 and 35 males respectively suffered slight injuries. The number of injured females in the same age group reached 20 and 16 respectively. Persons sustaining grievous and fatal injuries totalled 51; 40 were males and 11 were females. There were 7 traffic deaths in this quarter, all male.

In the fourth quarter of 2004, there were 237 reported casualties; of these, 176 or 74.3 per cent were caused by passenger cars, while 35 or 14.8 per cent were caused by motorcycles. There were 66 casualties in the 25-39 years age group; 44 of them occurring to passenger car travellers.

In the quarter under review, 133 or 56.1 per cent of the reported casualties occurred during Friday-Sunday. 5 of the fatalities happened on a Saturday whilst the other two happened on a Tuesday and on a Sunday ■



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Table 1. Total cases

Administrative area*	2003	2004	2005	2004	2005
				Oct-Dec	
MALTA	13,979	15,643	15,632	3,917	3,402
Malta	13,304	14,917	14,863	3,753	3,250
Gozo and Comino	675	726	769	164	152
Southern Harbour	2,852	3,350	3,238	861	741
Northern Harbour	5,501	6,167	5,997	1,594	1,369
South Eastern	1,320	1,242	1,406	267	301
Western	1,301	1,712	1,818	492	400
Northern	2,330	2,446	2,404	539	439
Gozo and Comino	675	726	769	164	152

Table 2. Traffic accidents
Casualties

Administrative area*	2003	2004	2005	2004	2005
				Oct-Dec	
MALTA	1,188	1,281	1,156	244	237
Malta	1,093	1,185	1,055	213	216
Gozo and Comino	95	96	101	31	21
Southern Harbour	225	242	239	58	65
Northern Harbour	381	418	332	60	63
South Eastern	128	139	140	26	27
Western	109	171	157	33	40
Northern	250	215	187	36	21
Gozo and Comino	95	96	101	31	21

* see methodological notes

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

Administrative area*	Oct- Dec							
	2004				2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	111	24	2	137	104	25	2	131
Malta	99	19	2	120	95	21	2	118
Gozo and Comino	12	5	-	17	9	4	-	13
Southern Harbour	25	6	-	31	37	3	-	40
Northern Harbour	25	3	-	28	9	4	-	13
South Eastern	13	2	1	16	23	4	1	28
Western	17	5	1	23	16	6	1	23
Northern	19	3	-	22	10	4	-	14
Gozo and Comino	12	5	-	17	9	4	-	13

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

Administrative area*	Oct-Dec							
	2004				2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	23	14	1	38	26	10	-	36
Malta	22	12	1	35	26	9	-	35
Gozo and Comino	1	2	-	3	-	1	-	1
Southern Harbour	5	3	-	8	7	-	-	7
Northern Harbour	10	5	1	16	12	6	-	18
South Eastern	2	1	-	3	3	1	-	4
Western	2	1	-	3	4	-	-	4
Northern	3	2	-	5	-	2	-	2
Gozo and Comino	1	2	-	3	-	1	-	1

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

Administrative area*	Oct-Dec							
	2004				2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	57	12	-	69	56	9	5	70
Malta	48	10	-	58	51	7	5	63
Gozo and Comino	9	2	-	11	5	2	-	7
Southern Harbour	14	5	-	19	15	3	-	18
Northern Harbour	12	4	-	16	16	1	-	17
South Eastern	6	1	-	7	8	2	-	10
Western	7	-	-	7	7	1	5	13
Northern	9	-	-	9	5	-	-	5
Gozo and Comino	9	2	-	11	5	2	-	7

* see methodological notes

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

	January-December 2004				October				November				December				October-December 2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total																				
age unknown	47	10	-	57	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	3	6	-	-	6
Up to 14 years	63	15	-	78	4	-	1	5	8	-	-	8	5	1	-	6	17	1	1	19
15 - 24 years	303	81	4	388	9	5	4	18	10	4	1	15	27	4	-	31	46	13	5	64
25 - 39 years	283	66	4	353	9	5	-	14	20	4	-	24	22	7	-	29	51	16	-	67
40 - 59 years	226	50	4	280	15	3	-	18	15	2	-	17	23	5	-	28	53	10	-	63
60 years and more	81	43	1	125	5	-	-	5	4	-	-	4	4	4	1	9	13	4	1	18
Total	1,003	265	13	1,281	44	13	5	62	58	10	1	69	84	21	1	106	186	44	7	237
Males																				
age unknown	15	3	-	18	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	3	-	-	3
Up to 14 years	33	6	-	39	1	-	1	2	4	-	-	4	2	1	-	3	7	1	1	9
15 - 24 years	190	54	4	248	7	3	4	14	6	4	1	11	12	3	-	15	25	10	5	40
25 - 39 years	178	48	4	230	7	4	-	11	12	4	-	16	16	5	-	21	35	13	-	48
40 - 59 years	138	36	3	177	10	3	-	13	12	2	-	14	11	2	-	13	33	7	-	40
60 years and more	46	18	1	65	4	-	-	4	2	-	-	2	1	2	1	4	7	2	1	10
Total	600	165	12	777	29	10	5	44	37	10	1	48	44	13	1	58	110	33	7	150
Females																				
age unknown	32	7	-	39	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	3
Up to 14 years	30	9	-	39	3	-	-	3	4	-	-	4	3	-	-	3	10	-	-	10
15 - 24 years	113	27	-	140	2	2	-	4	4	-	-	4	15	1	-	16	21	3	-	24
25 - 39 years	105	18	-	123	2	1	-	3	8	-	-	8	6	2	-	8	16	3	-	19
40 - 59 years	88	14	1	103	5	-	-	5	3	-	-	3	12	3	-	15	20	3	-	23
60 years and more	35	25	-	60	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	3	2	-	5	6	2	-	8
Total	403	100	1	504	15	3	-	18	21	-	-	21	40	8	-	48	76	11	-	87

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

		2004	2005															
		Oct-Dec	Oct				Nov				Dec				Oct-Dec			
			Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total	Motorcycles	37	9	4	-	13	5	1	1	7	4	-	-	4	18	5	1	24
	Passenger cars	168	29	7	-	36	40	8	-	48	72	19	1	92	141	34	1	176
	Coaches and Buses	5	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
	Goods vehicles	34	4	2	5	11	13	1	-	14	8	2	-	10	25	5	5	35
	Total	244	44	13	5	62	58	10	1	69	84	21	1	106	186	44	7	237
Up to 14 years	Motorcycles	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Passenger cars	13	3	-	-	3	7	-	-	7	5	1	-	6	15	1	-	16
	Coaches and Buses	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Goods vehicles	5	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
	Total	20	4	-	1	5	8	-	-	8	5	1	-	6	17	1	1	19
15 - 24 years	Motorcycles	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	3
	Passenger cars	53	6	4	-	10	5	3	-	8	23	5	-	28	34	12	-	46
	Coaches and Buses	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Goods vehicles	10	3	1	4	8	4	1	-	5	3	-	-	3	10	2	4	16
	Total	70	9	5	4	18	10	4	1	15	27	5	-	32	46	14	5	65
25 - 39 years	Motorcycles	18	3	3	-	6	4	1	-	5	2	-	-	2	9	4	-	13
	Passenger cars	38	6	1	-	7	9	3	-	12	20	5	-	25	35	9	-	44
	Coaches and Buses	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Goods vehicles	9	-	1	-	1	7	-	-	7	-	1	-	1	7	2	-	9
	Total	67	9	5	-	14	20	4	-	24	22	6	-	28	51	15	-	66
40 - 59 years	Motorcycles	10	3	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	1	-	5
	Passenger cars	34	10	2	-	12	14	2	-	16	17	5	-	22	41	9	-	50
	Coaches and Buses	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Goods vehicles	5	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	5	-	-	5	7	-	-	7
	Total	49	15	3	-	18	15	2	-	17	23	5	-	28	53	10	-	63
60 years and more	Motorcycles	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
	Passenger cars	25	2	-	-	2	4	-	-	4	4	3	1	8	10	3	1	14
	Coaches and Buses	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Goods vehicles	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
	Total	33	5	-	-	5	4	-	-	4	4	4	1	9	13	4	1	18
Age unknown	Motorcycles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Passenger cars	5	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	3	6	-	-	6
	Coaches and Buses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Goods vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	5	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	3	6	-	-	6

Table 8. Total casualties by day of the week

	2004			2005		
	October-December					
	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Fatal	Grievous	Slight
	Drivers					
Monday	1	1	12	-	1	9
Tuesday	1	3	13	1	4	11
Wednesday	-	4	14	-	3	13
Thursday	-	2	17	-	2	13
Friday	-	5	18	-	1	16
Saturday	-	3	24	-	5	17
Sunday	-	6	13	1	9	25
Total	2	24	111	2	25	104
	Passengers					
Monday	-	1	9	-	-	3
Tuesday	-	1	5	-	1	6
Wednesday	-	3	6	-	-	4
Thursday	-	1	5	-	1	9
Friday	-	-	8	-	2	16
Saturday	-	5	13	5	5	5
Sunday	-	1	11	-	-	13
Total	-	12	57	5	9	56
	Pedestrians					
Monday	-	2	2	-	3	1
Tuesday	-	3	3	-	3	7
Wednesday	-	1	6	-	-	2
Thursday	1	1	3	-	1	6
Friday	-	4	6	-	1	4
Saturday	-	1	1	-	1	5
Sunday	-	2	2	-	1	1
Total	1	14	23	-	10	26

Table 9. Persons killed or injured in road traffic accidents ...

	Q1				Q2				Q3				Q4				2005			
	Fatalities		Injuries		Fatalities		Injuries		Fatalities		Injuries		Fatalities		Injuries		Fatalities		Injuries	
	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers
Total	3	1	254	126	2	1	322	189	5	1	333	185	7	2	230	129	17	5	1,139	629
under 6 years	1	-	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	17	-
6 - 9 years	-	-	7	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	33	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	9	-	-	-	10	-	1	-	10	-	1	-	8	-	2	-	37	-
15 - 17 years	-	-	7	-	-	-	8	-	1	-	15	1	2	-	10	-	3	-	40	1
18 - 20 years	-	-	31	14	-	-	22	16	1	-	32	17	3	1	16	12	4	1	101	59
21 - 24 years	-	-	33	19	1	1	45	32	-	-	43	33	-	-	33	23	1	1	154	107
25 - 64 years	1	1	132	87	-	-	187	123	2	1	187	124	-	-	133	89	3	2	639	423
65 years +	1	-	26	6	1	-	31	17	-	-	26	8	1	1	13	5	3	1	96	36
Unknown	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	5	2	-	-	6	-	-	-	22	3
Total pedestrians	2	-	53	-	1	-	57	-	3	-	46	-	-	-	36	-	6	-	192	-
under 6 years	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	5	-
6 - 9 years	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	6	-	-	-	8	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	21	-
15 - 17 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	15	-
18 - 20 years	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
21 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
25 - 64 years	-	-	24	-	-	-	23	-	1	-	15	-	-	-	20	-	1	-	82	-
65 years +	1	-	15	-	1	-	11	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	43	-
Unknown	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
Total motor-cycle passengers	1	1	16	14	-	-	35	35	1	1	43	39	-	-	23	22	2	2	117	110
under 6 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
15 - 17 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 - 20 years	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	6	5
21 - 24 years	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	10
25 - 64 years	1	1	12	11	-	-	25	25	1	1	33	30	-	-	18	18	2	2	88	84
65 years +	-	-	1	1	-	-	6	6	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	10	10
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

... Table 9. Persons killed or injured in road traffic accidents

	Q1				Q2				Q3				Q4				2005			
	Fatalities		Injuries		Fatalities		Injuries		Fatalities		Injuries		Fatalities		Injuries		Fatalities		Injuries	
	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers	Total	Drivers
Total motor-car passengers	-	-	162	97	1	1	208	135	1	-	212	126	2	2	147	90	4	3	729	448
under 6 years			4				2				3				3		-	-	12	-
6 - 9 years			5				6				7				5		-	-	23	-
10 - 14 years			3				2				5				5		-	-	15	-
15 - 17 years			5				2				8	1			5		-	-	20	1
18 - 20 years			28	13			20	15	1		25	14	1	1	10	8	2	1	83	50
21 - 24 years			27	16	1	1	38	28			30	23			27	19	1	1	122	86
25 - 64 years			81	64			120	81			118	81			82	61	-	-	401	287
65 years +			8	4			12	10			12	6	1	1	5	2	1	1	37	22
Unknown			1				6	1			4	1			5		-	-	16	2
Total drivers and passengers of motor coaches and buses	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5
under 6 years																			-	-
6 - 9 years											1								1	-
10 - 14 years																			-	-
15 - 17 years																			-	-
18 - 20 years											1	1							1	1
21 - 24 years			1																1	-
25 - 64 years			1	1			1	1			2	2							4	4
65 years +							1												1	-
Unknown																			-	-
Total drivers and passengers of goods road vehicles	-	-	21	14	-	-	20	18	-	-	28	17	5	-	24	17	5	-	93	66
under 6 years																			-	-
6 - 9 years																			-	-
10 - 14 years														1			1	-	-	-
15 - 17 years			2								1			2	2		2	-	5	-
18 - 20 years											2	1		2	3	2	2	-	5	3
21 - 24 years			3	2			1	1			5	4			5	4	-	-	14	11
25 - 64 years			14	11			18	16			19	11			13	10	-	-	64	48
65 years +			2	1			1	1			1	1			1	1	-	-	5	4
Unknown																			-	-

Methodological Notes

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

Administrative area	NUTS levels				
	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, Pieta, 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, Xagħra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.