Message
from
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Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms

Dear Public Officers,

The growing number of road traffic accidents in our country has become a subject of national concern. The latest statistics show that there are more and more casualties resulting from road traffic accidents, and on this present trend, it is to be feared that a reversal of the situation may be hard to achieve. However, if very severe and drastic measures are applied coupled with a well-structured and sustained sensitization programme, I am certain that we can curb the incidence of fatal road traffic accidents.

Everybody recognizes the fact that road traffic accidents are taking a high toll on the morale of society at large and especially those who suffer from the loss of their near and dear ones. Deaths and injuries impose considerable strain on people, the more so as, for every person killed or injured in a road traffic accident, there are many more who are deeply afflicted psychologically and financially. This is cruel indeed, and each and everyone should be constantly alert to the need of contributing towards mitigating, if not eliminating, such atrocities.

We, in the public sector, cannot remain insensitive to this state of affairs. As responsible citizens, we should associate ourselves with and participate in initiatives geared towards developing and promoting a road safety culture. If we can arouse awareness on the terrible and disastrous consequences of road traffic accidents and we deploy efforts at our own individual end to respect the provisions of Road Traffic legislations and adopt best driving practices and reflex, I am convinced that the sufferings associated with road fatalities and casualties can be avoided, and that is where the Civil Service family can make a marked difference. As Public Officers, we have to behave in a responsible manner. It should not be a problem for us to respect the road safety rules and regulations and pay due attention to speed management. Defensive driving is more than ever a pre-requisite for safe vehicular movement and, by extension, for safer pedestrian movement. An endeavour to reduce the number of casualties and fatal accidents summons the coordinated effort and collaboration of everyone.
Experiences in other countries have shown that these are crucial components of an effective and sustainable response to road safety and prevention of accident.

The ongoing National Road Safety Campaign launched by Government should be made to deliver the expected results. I am, hereby and therefore, calling upon you all to fully participate in the national initiative so that, together, we can address the problem and pave the way for safer driving and road usage; and thus protect life which is so precious.

Let us all slow down. Let us all save lives.

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