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PRESS RELEASE

Doctors for Road Safety (D4RS) would like to express solidarity and respect to Traffic Police Officer Simon Schembri who was grievously injured during the course of his duties in a hit-and-run incident by a vehicle being driven by an underage driver. D4RS also extends the solidarity to his family in these difficult times. D4RS also commends the immediate response by the medical teams from the various clinical departments at Mater Dei Hospital.

D4RS deplores and condemns this incident unreservedly. D4RS notes that this incident is reflective of the lack of adequate control over road safety over many years, as evidenced by the worsening fatal, grievous and non-grievous road traffic accident records. Further to this evidence, the daily experience of decent road users who observe road traffic regulations is that other road users who decide to break the rules, are doing so with impunity. This same case is a classic example, amongst others documented, that the system has failed to pick up and prevent this incident by a previous offender.

D4RS calls on the authorities to strongly gear up the action and strengthen control of Maltese roads to give peace of mind to all road users by adopting a zero tolerance approach towards road safety and aim towards a zero fatality rate as envisioned by D4RS.

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