

Doctors for Road Safety

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Doctor for Road Safety (D4RS) is sad and disappointed to have to note once again that the number of fatal and grievous road traffic accidents continues to increase, today marking the 9th victim of 2022. This is now already equivalent to the total number of road victims for the whole of 2021.

Civil society cannot keep on shifting responsibility solely onto accidents or misfortune. D4RS reiterate that consistent and repeated educational campaigns targeting all road users need to be ever present, while law enforcement clearly needs to be significantly stepped up. We note that road safety falls under the responsibility of many different departments and institutions which one expects must make coordination and effectiveness of this important task highly challenging.

In this time of political pledges, D4RS along with civil society expect our political representatives to come forward with significant and concrete proposals to address this alarming situation. An overarching authority dedicated solely towards road safety which regulates and coordinates these various stakeholders might be a good start.

Doctor for Road Safety (D4RS) hija mnikkta u dizappuntata li jkollha terga tinnota li n-numru ta' incidenti tat-traffiku fatali u gravi qed ikomplu jizjeddu, filwaqt li illum immarkajna id-disgha vittma tal-2022. Dan in-numru huwa diga l-istess mat-total ta vittmi mill-incidenti tat-traffiku ghas-sena 2021 kollha.

Is-socjeta civili ma tistax tibqa tattribwixxi r-responsabbilita sempliciment fuq accidenti jew sfortuna. D4RS terga temfasizza li kampanji edukattivi, konsistenti u ripetuti immirati lejn kull min juza t-toroq ghandhom ikunu prezenti il-hin kollu, filwaqt illi l-infurzar tal-ligi ghandu jinghata spinta sinifikanti. Ninnutaw illi is-sigurta fit-toroq taqa' taht ir-responsabbilita ta' diversi dipartimenti u istituzzjonijiet illi tistenna li jaghmel koordinazzjoni u l-effett ta' dan ix-xoghol sfida kbira.

F'dan iz-zmien ta' weghdiet politici, D4RS flimkien mas-socjeta civili tistenna illi r-rapprezentati politici taghna jipprezentaw proposti konkreti u sinifikanti biex din is-sitwazzjoni allarmanti tigi indirizzata. Awtorita wahda illi tkun dedikata biss fuq is-sigurta fit-toroq, illi tirregola u tikkoordina l-partijiet interessati kollha, jista' jkun bidu tajjeb.