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A car wreckage among many at the traffic police junk yard in Tripoli.

3916 Road Accidents in 14 Weeks, Killing 629, Seriously Injuring 1794

Once again grim statistics about traffic accidents in Libya have been released by public security authorities.

Within the period from 1 January to 17 April 2009, there have been 629 deaths from road

accidents, 1794 serious injuries that entail total or partial paralysis and 2733 "minor" injuries that required hospital stay.

The situation has reached unbearable levels and has

caused disastrous economic, social and cultural consequences that require resolve and serious steps from the government.

The authorities can no longer ignore this silent war on the

Libyan population and all means resources should be directed to solving this tragic problem.

According to the General Administration of Traffic and Licenses at the GPC of Public Security, 3916 traffic accidents

had taken place during the first three months of the year 2009 throughout the country.

In January, there had been 1135 road accidents in which 145 people died and 491 people

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UK, Libya Ratify Prisoner Transfer Agreement, Al-Megrahi could be Home Soon

Britain's government ratified a prisoner transfer deal with Libya Wednesday that could allow the innocent Libyan citizen who was unfairly convicted of the Lockerbie bombing come back home soon.

The deal, signed in November, would allow Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, 57, to apply to be transferred to Libya, the British Foreign Office said.

But it seems that in order not to expose the Scottish judicial

system and its grave misdeed by committing a clear miscarriage of justice in the trial, Al-Megrahi is being pressured to agree to drop the appeal against his conviction before being eligible for transfer.

Scottish government officials along with other stakeholders who have to approve the move are still holding out.

Al-Megrahi has repeatedly

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Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, an innocent Libyan citizen and a victim of Western courts.

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