

# *Traffic Accidents Kill Over 600 in Cuba So Far This Year*

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Holguin, November 23 (RHC)-- Traffic accidents continued to claim lives in Cuba with a total of 615 by the end of October -- an average of eight fatal victims in every 10 accidents, according to the Cuban Interior Ministry.

The accidents so far this year have resulted in 6,755 injuries, which has had a strong impact in society, said the secretary of the National Road Security Commission, Oscar del Toro, who noted that an average of two persons die in traffic accidents daily, while 22 are injured.

The violation of the rights on the road, distractions, excessive speed and other actions are major causes for the accidents. The National Road Security Commission is currently implementing measures to counter the problems, including more rigorous technical inspection of vehicles.

A recent World Health Organization report says that half the mortal victims of traffic accidents are pedestrians, motorists and cyclists, and that this is the major cause of death in ages between 15 and 29.

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