

Four Killed, 16 Injured in Accident in Central Cuba



Havana, February 2 (RHC) — Four people were killed and 16 others injured when a truck flipped over on a highway in Sancti Spiritus, a province in central Cuba, state media reported.

The accident occurred Saturday on a road that leads to Trinidad, when an Agriculture Ministry truck "rolled over after hitting a bus stop," the official AIN news agency reported.

Four men were killed and two of the 16 people injured in the accident are listed in serious condition at a local hospital.

A similar accident also occurred on Saturday in the western province of Pinal del Rio when another truck went out of control and overturned, killing three people and injuring 13 others.

A total of 11,294 traffic accidents were registered in Cuba in 2014, leaving 746 people dead and 8,831 others injured, government figures show. The number of accidents reported last year fell, compared to 2013, but fatalities and injuries were both up.

Traffic accidents are the No. 5 cause of death in Cuba, which has a population of 11.1 million. The island has a traffic mortality rate of just over six per 100,000 residents.

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