

PEOPLE



THANKFUL Western Safarish Ahmed can breathe easy now that her son, Mr Muhammad Najib Ghazali, has given up riding after surviving a horrific accident yesterday.

2 dead, 3 hurt in horrific accident in Bugis

Early yesterday morning, a taxi, a Ferrari and a motorcycle were involved in a horrific accident at the junction of Rochor Road and Victoria Street.

The police said the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) said calls about the accident were received around 4.15am.

The driver of the Ferrari and taxi were trapped in their vehicles and SCDF said the SCDF personnel had to use aerial ladders to get to the doors of the vehicles.

There was one fatality for the driver of the Ferrari.

Mr Han Tan, 47, 47, was trapped in the taxi, was pronounced dead on the scene by

paramedics. The female passenger (her name, a female national, not for publication) suffered injuries and was taken to the East West Hospital (TWH).

The taxi driver, who was 35, was also injured and was taken to TWH for treatment. The New Paper on Sunday understands that the condition of both was serious.

The taxi's passenger, a woman in her 20s, was taken to Singapore General Hospital and was taken to the accident site. She was hospitalized overnight, receiving

first aid in the TWH emergency department.

The SCDF said it is still conducting a preliminary investigation into the accident.

Those who witnessed the accident called the police at 999 or 1999.

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This mother's heart has been shocked not once, not twice, but four times.

That is the number of motorcycle accidents her 26-year-old son, Mr Muhammad Najib Ghazali, has been involved in.

The latest was yesterday morning's horrific crash at the junction of Rochor Road and Victoria Street, a Ferrari collided with a taxi which then hit him. The driver of the Ferrari and the taxi passenger died. (See report above.)

That Mr Muhammad Najib - who is single - sustained a broken rib.

And his mother, Western Safarish Ahmed, a 46-year-old housewife, has also experienced an emotional journey.

After each of her earlier three accidents, she almost gave up on riding.

Each time, the deeply religious, who has been riding since 1980, refused.

But yesterday, she gave her mother the best Mother's Day present yet - her son has given up riding.

As Western Safarish speaks to The New Paper on Sunday, her relief is palpable.

She says she does not have to worry about Mr Muhammad Najib's safety on the roads any more.

"I've been so shocked when he kept telling me he was involved in another accident," she says.

Her wife with a smile: "I heard and knew from the doctor that it wasn't serious and was not injured."

But it seems that she did not want to worry too - he called her all the time before (see report above).

Ms Western Safarish Ahmed said she decided to give up riding his motorcycle, even though he insisted the same about his mother.

I think this latest crash has shocked him and his mother that he is no longer riding it up.

She also speaks about the wife's death and how she is now, especially the first and third accidents.

At 2016, Mr Muhammad Najib was involved

in an accident with a car and broke several bones.

Two years before that, he was involved in another crash.

While on the operating table, he said that his wife, Western Safarish Ahmed, was crying and saying: "Other people's children, I will not let them ride their motorcycles, so I will not let my son," she said.

But yesterday, she said she was so relieved that she was no longer worried about him.

Mr Muhammad Najib said that after the crash, she was "uplifting" and she was no longer worried about him.

The constant health update, "I'm going to give you a ride, so you can ride with me," she said.

But there is some pain in his life and he doesn't see himself as a person who is not a person, "he said."

It is not yet known when he is to be discharged.

The wife, 47, said that he is a person who is not a person and is a person who is not a person, "he said."

"This is the fourth time I've involved in such an accident. It is probably a sign from God to give this up before something even worse happens," he said.

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Her Mother's Day relief

After surviving four accidents, her son finally agrees to give up riding motorcycles