

Don lauds call to revive demerit point system

KUALA LUMPUR: A road safety expert has lauded the call from the police to revive the demerit point system to book drivers.

Universiti Putra Malaysia's Professor Wong Shaw Voon said motorists who failed to obey road rules would feel the pinch of losing their driving licence or going to court under the Kejara system.

"To make enforcement work, the Kejara system needs to be revived," he said, commenting on the call by the police to revive the Kejara system, put on hold two years ago.

During the Hari Raya Aidilfitri Op Selamat 7, there were 330 deaths, or an average of 22 fatalities a day.

Federal traffic police chief Datuk Mohd Fuad Abd Latiff had said the Kejara system could push road users to obey the law and be more careful on the road.

Research on drivers shows that they break road rules, such as beating traffic lights, weaving through traffic dangerously and speeding.

The country lost 6,600 lives in accidents last year.