Kunduz Traffic Officials Fine Drivers Without Issuing Tickets

1. A number of drivers in northern Kunduz province accuse provincial traffic officials of not issuing fines on them.

2. An official from the traffic department in Kunduz city, told Pajhwok Afghan News that traffic officers “may fine them in any way possible.”

3. The officials charged drivers with fees ranging from 10,000 to 20,000 afghani but did not receive any official paper for that,” he said.

4. A number of other drivers held similar complaints and asked the officials to stop fine money collection in an illegal manner.

5. A person named Hameed, who is responsible for collecting traffic taxes in the area, did not register money in the official book of the transport department.

6. He said, “Yes I did not register the money in the book because I was busy today.” He defined to talk more about the issue.

7. On the other hand, Kunduz traffic director Sayed Jawad Jalali, said that he was unaware about the issue.

8. “No one has so far complained to us about this issue, if you have video or evidence about this problem, you can share them with us, we will follow it,” he said.

9. The Kunduz traffic director had earlier told Pajhwok Afghan News that the transport revenue of the province increased by 31 percent last year.

10. The victims included children, women and men, said Abdul Rashid Sarwari, minister of provincial traffic officials.

11. He told Pajhwok Afghan News: “A total of 20 people, including 12 police officers, have been killed in an illegal manner.

12. The statement form said 20 did not provide details about pedestrians’ casualties.

13. Omar Zewal, the government’s spokesman, confirmed the special forces’ operation. However, he was unsure of details.

14. Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmad wrote on his Twitter account that six security personnel were killed after the attackers fired shots in Nawa’s district (Pajhwok).