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Paul's summary

Last week, a tragic accident in Uiseong County **took the lives** of three professional **cyclists**, aged 19 to 25, and seriously injuring four others. During a training exercise on a local road, a 25-ton cargo truck **smashed into** a group of cyclists and their coach's minivan. Police have detained the 66-year-old truck driver who has now confessed to have been watching his DMB TV when he **collided with** the young athletes. The accident has yet again **brought up many concerns** related to drivers **watching television while driving** and, more importantly, Korea's careless driving culture.

Currently, watching television while driving is technically illegal but lawmakers have yet to agree on a set punishment. The National Assembly has delayed making a decision for years as watching DMB has become so widespread among drivers, especially taxi drivers. Police have also been known to **turn a blind eye** to such violations. As a result, Korean drivers have become infamous for their **indifference to traffic safety**. All too often, wearing seat belts and **yielding to pedestrians** are considered optional. In order to reduce the amount of accidents and deaths on the road, both law-enforcement and government agencies need to work together in **cracking down on** bad driving habits.

Key Words

1. 목숨의 앓아 가다 take the lives of
2. 사이클 선수 cyclist
3. 트럭이 덮치다 a truck smashed into (the cyclists); a truck ran over; a truck hit
4. 많은 우려를 자아 내다 brought up many concerns
5. 운전중 DMB 시청 watching DMB while driving; watching DMB at the wheel; watching DMB behind the wheel
6. 묵인하다 turn a blind eye
7. 보행자에 양보하다 yield to pedestrians
8. 긴급차량에 양보하다 yield to emergency vehicles
9. 난폭운전을 단속하다 crack down on bad driving
10. ~에 정신이 팔리다, 몰두하다 be preoccupied with; be engrossed in; be distracted by
11. 안전불감증 being oblivious to danger; careless about safety; unconcerned about the safety; negligence
12. 안전의식 개선 improve safety awareness
13. 이번 일이 운전문화 개선을 위한 계기가 되어야 한다 use this tragedy as an opportunity to improve driver safety; take this as a wake-up call to improve driver safety; see this as a wake-up call to crack down on bad driving

More Key Words

1. 짜증나게 하는 것 pet peeve