

# Two Singaporeans killed, one hurt in Johor car accident

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TWO Singaporeans were killed and another suffered a fractured arm when the car they were in blew a tyre and overturned on Sunday in Kulai, Johor.

Another passenger, a Malaysian, suffered serious hip and spinal injuries.

The men, who were contracted to build a mosque in Kedah, were on the highway in a Subaru WRX on their way to Alor Star, when the accident occurred at about 11am.

Front-seat passenger Mr Meiyalagan Meyappan, 42, a tailor, was pronounced dead on the spot. Driver Mr Sivakumar, in his late 30s, died some hours later, after he was taken to Glenagles Hospital. A third Singaporean, known as Raju by his

friends, broke his arm and is now at Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

Mr Uonos Mohamed, 56, said Mr Meiyalagan, his friend, had told him he was going to Alor Star to meet a mutual friend involved in the mosque project. At about 3pm on Sunday, he got a call to say Mr Meiyalagan had been killed, and drove immediately to the Kulai police station.

Raju was "dazed" and in an ambulance, he said. "He told me the weather and traffic conditions were good, but a tyre burst and the driver lost control of the car," said Mr Uonos.

At Mr Meiyalagan's wake, Mr Rajasekaran Jayasekaran told *Channel NewsAsia* his uncle, who was single, was usually the centre of attention at family gatherings. "He was the favourite uncle ... It is going to be a quiet Deepavali this year."

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