

Sharjah Goes for New Taxi Dispatch System

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SHARJAH — Sharjah Public Transport Corporation (SPTC) has concluded a Dh40 million deal with a Singapore company to install a dispatch system in the taxi operations in the emirate.

“The new system will help overcome the problem of having surplus taxis in one place while others have none,” chairman Ahmed Al Shamsi said.

Director-General of SPTC, Abdullah Mohamed Al Zari, said the project has been referred to the planning department to specify 40 places for taxi stops at major areas to help overcome traffic snarls. Al Shamsi said, “Armed with judicial apprehension, a team has been specialised for monitoring illegal transport in the emirate.

“Newspapers have also been told to stop publishing advertisements for illegal transport as it is not only against law but also dangerous for being provided by unlicensed drivers. Those who wish to transport passengers in the emirate may easily apply for a licence. Otherwise, tough penalties will be enforced.