

Holiday crash tragedy



■ Ms Kumaran



■ The jeep at the crash site. Inset, Mr Rajeevan

A TRIPLE tragedy struck the family of a Bahrain resident following a fatal accident, it emerged yesterday.

Cold store salesman Biju Kushichomannil and two others were killed soon after he arrived for his first vacation in India after working here for two years.

Six others were injured and are being treated at a local hospital, according to the family.

Mr Kushichomannil, 38, his cousin Ranjisha Kumaran, 21, and best friend Vanchivayalil Rajeevan, 36, died when their jeep ploughed into a truck.

The accident happened in Perambra town in Kerala's Kozhikode district in the early hours of Tuesday.

The relatives were heading from Kozhikode airport to their town Perambra, after picking up Mr Kushichomannil from the airport.

The other relatives who were injured in the accident are Mr Kushichomannil's wife Dhanya, 30, son Akash, eight, brother Ulhas, 45, and relatives Jijesh, 28, Niya Pradeep, eight, and Mani Kuttan, 10.

Mr Kushichomannil was on his first vacation after completing two years in Bahrain, his

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brother-in-law Raju Malarambath told the GDN yesterday.

"Biju is the husband of my sister-in-law," said Mr Malarambath.

"He bought so many things for his wife and son as well as his relatives and friends.

"Biju had contacted his relatives and friends in India and told them he was coming home for three months.

"His wife, son and other relatives had gone to the airport to pick him up.

"Unfortunately, they met with an accident on their way home.

"Mr Kushichomannil died instantly, while Ms Kumaran and Mr Rajeevan died at Kozhikode Medical



■ Mr Kushichomannil with his wife Dhanya and son Akash

College.

"The others are also being treated at the hospital now, but their condition is not critical.

"Mr Rajeevan was Biju's best friend, as they have been together since childhood and was driving at the time of the accident.

"It's a big tragedy and the family is still coming to terms with the three deaths.

"On top of it, six are still in hospital, so it's not a good time to speak to them now."

The bodies were cremated in Perambra on Tuesday.

Mr Kushichomannil worked for Ahmed Hassan Yousif Al Eskafy Cold Store, located near the Gold City, Manama.

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■ Laith Shukayr was elected Rotary Club of Adliya's president for 2011-2012 at its weekly meeting held at The Officers Club, Elite Resort and Spa. Other board members are vice-president and public relations chair Mahmood Al Yousif, who is the outgoing president, honorary secretary Wesam Baqer, honorary treasurer Jawad Hassan, Rotary Foundation chair Nijad Atassi, club services chair Hameed Karimi, membership chair Dr Khalid Tabbara, service projects chair Khulood Al Qattan, Rotary prizes chair Ali Follad and Sergeant-at-Arms Zohar Taherbhai. Nominated leaders for Rotary year 2012-2013 are president nominee Dr Sajida Tabbara and honorary secretary nominee Julian Clarke-Jervoise. Above, Mr Shukayr, standing, centre, with the new board members.

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