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One dies, 3 injured in Abaji protest

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ONE person died, while three others sustained serious injuries on Sunday morning during a protest by supporters of the Action Congress (AC) over the Abaji council's result announced by the Independent National Electoral Commission in the area.

City News learnt that the dead and injured were crushed by

a Volkswagen Jetta car, whose driver lost control on sighting mobile policemen shooting tear gas into the air to disperse the protesters.

An eyewitness said the three youths were among the protesters on the highway when the driver crushed them.

Confirming the incident, AC Abaji Chairman, Alhaji Mohammed Angulu Bello, lamented that three party members were

knocked down when a driver had a brake failure.

He said the victims were immediately rushed to Abaji General Hospital, where one of them died few minutes later at the hospital and the corpse taken to his relatives for burial.

Meanwhile, business/economic activities were paralyzed at the council as a result of the protest as many shops, including supermarkets, provision stores, restaurants

and chemists were closed.

Our reporter who went round the council area yesterday observed few persons moving around the town, while only few commercial cyclists operated.

At 7 to 9 pm Sunday, plain clothes detectives were drafted into Abaji town and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Adepegba Adetoye, informed journalists that the situation has been put under control.