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Some students of Bayero University Kano (BUK), on Saturday, staged a peaceful protest over the killing of one of their female colleagues by a truck driver.

An eyewitness told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Kano that the deceased, who was a final year student, was crushed to death on Friday night while trying to cross the road in front of the university's new campus main gate on Gwarzo Road.

The protesting students then barricaded the Gwarzo-BUK Road and the main gate of the campus on Saturday, leading to the disruption of traffic along that road.

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Some of the students claimed that several letters had been sent to BUK authorities, the state government and officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), over the spate of reckless driving by motorists on BUK Road but did not yield any positive result.

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer of the university, Alhaji Mustapha Zahradeen, confirmed the students' protest.

He, however, said that the university authorities had intervened and appealed to the students to remain calm, and gave the assurance that it would take up the matter with the appropriate authorities.

He said the protesting students had since returned to the campus. (NAN)

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