



■ Gridlock caused by youths protesting the killing of a pedestrian by a motorist on Jos-Bauchi highway yesterday

Youths block motorists on Jos-Bauchi highway

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HUNDREDS of passengers were yesterday trapped along Jos-Bauchi highway for hours when some youths of Miya Barkate community blocked the highway following an accident which allegedly claimed the life of a youth in the area.

Motorists were forced to drop passengers to assist the youths in digging holes across the highway as bumps. Some passengers who spoke expressed frustration for waiting for hours.

Trucks drivers travelling to the East were seen begging the boys to open the road for them.

Weekly Trust observed that a traditional father, Maitangale, gave the boys some money to pave way for his convey to pass and head to Bauchi. The chance gave few motorists the opportunity to pass.

A passenger, Mohammed Shrrhu, said he left Bauchi since 2pm only to be trapped for hours in the traffic gridlock.

He appealed to the state government to take serious action against people in the state that have formed the habit of blocking highways at the slightest accident. It could be recalled that the same road was blocked few weeks ago when a similar accident occurred at Rinjin Gani and Narabi, all within the state.