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POLICE KILL 3 OVER N50

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A detachment of policemen manning a checkpoint along Nguroje-Kankara feeder road in Sardauna Local Government Area of Taraba State killed three people riding on a motorcycle for allegedly declining to give them tip of N50.

Residents said the three passengers who were on their way from Nguroje to Kankara village on Monday were allegedly stopped at a checkpoint by the police for gratification, but that they refused to stop.

The policemen who were said to be angry over the development, chased after the passengers in their patrol van and crushed two to death while the third person who sustained spinal cord injuries died yesterday.

It was gathered that residents earlier protested to the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Gembu over the rising number of police checkpoints along the route and requested for their removal.

Following the incident, angry youths went berserk and razed the police outstation in Nguroje and chased policemen away from the area.

When contacted, Taraba State Police Commissioner, Ademola Omole, confirmed the incident and said that the four policemen involved in the "unprofessional act" were detained.

He said the police team which was led by an ASP would be seriously sanctioned, adding that the command does not condone such "inappropriate behaviours" among its officers and men.

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