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IRATE youths of Tyo Mu, a suburb village in Makurdi, close to Airforce Base, Makurdi, Wednesday blocked the Gboko-Makurdi Highway while protesting the death of three residents that were crushed by motorists on Tuesday.

The Guardian gathered that the first car had hit an elderly man, Orkuma Ukagye in the early hours of Tuesday. He later died at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Makurdi, while the second car; a Volvo station wagon, had again, killed two persons and injured another at about 8.00p.m. same day.

Sources named those that died on the spot to include Iorundu Angbem and a tractor operator, who was simply identified as Jaki; while Iorburne Ingyough is still receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi.

The angry youths had blocked the highway with stones, fallen trees, electric poles and other objects, thus hindering free-flow of traffic for hours.

Speaking with The Guardian at Tyo Mu, Makurdi Local Council where the incident occurred, the spokesperson for the community, Ingyough Emmanuel, said "so far, the community has lost about 12 persons to road accidents in the last one month and called on the government to erect speed-bumps on the road to check the ugly trend.

He explained that the driver of the Volvo station wagon that hit and killed the two persons had taken to his heels abandoning the damaged vehicle and fled the scene of the incident.

The Police Relations Officer (PPRO), Benue State Command, Daniel Ezeala, also confirmed the accidents, saying three persons died.

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