

# Trailer crushes three persons to death in Makurdi

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TRAGEDY struck in Makurdi, the Benue State capital, on Saturday night as a trailer crushed to death three persons, Joseph Idoko, Aba Uja and Lawrence Aday, who were on a motorcycle.

Idoko's relation, Innocent Onje, who was already making arrangement for his burial,

told *Daily Independent* that one of the deceased, Aday, had requested Idoko and Uja to take him to the North Bank area of Makurdi at about 10 pm but the journey which started from a house behind the NUJ Secretariat, Ankpa Ward, was cut short when a trailer crushed them at Magistrate's Court V after the new bridge.

Eyewitness told our correspondent that the trailer that

crushed the three persons did not stop, adding that somebody, who tried to remove the mangled bodies from the road was said to be lying critically ill at a hospital as another vehicle almost crushed him.

It was gathered that the three deceased persons all hailed from Ogbadibo local government area of the state and that they had closed from a club meeting when Aday, a

retired soldier, asked the other two to take him to his house at North Bank.

When contacted, Police Deputy Public Relations Officer, Alaribe Ejike, said he was yet to be briefed on the incident.

At the time of filing this report, the bodies of the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary of the Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi.