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Three killed in Benue, as youths block highway

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IRATE youths of Tyo Mu, on the outskirts of Airborne base, Makurdi on Wednesday blocked the Gboko-Makurdi road protesting the death of three residents of the area that were crushed by motorists on Tuesday.

The first car had hit an elderly man, Orkuma Ukagye in the early hours of Tuesday. He later died at the Federal Medical Center (FMC), Makurdi, while the second car, a Volvo station wagon, had killed two persons and injured another at about 8pm same day.

Those that died on the spot included Iorundu Angbem and a tractor operator, who was simply identified as Jaki. But Iorbume Ingyough is still receiving treatment at the FMC, Makurdi.

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

Speaking with *Daily Independent* at Tyo Mu, Makurdi Local Government where the incident took place, the spokesperson for the community, Ingyough Emmanuel who confirmed the two incidents said so far the community has lost about 12 persons to road accidents in the last one month.

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