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Anxiety As 3 Die In Akwa Ibom Bridge Collapse

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Ikot Mfon, a sleepy community in Etinan local government area of Akwa Ibom State has been thrown into mourning following the collapse of Ikot Mfon/Ndiya Bridge, which claimed three lives.

LEADERSHIP learnt the prefabricated bridge which was constructed by the military during the Nigerian civil war to aid soldiers crossing and advancement to the other side for safety, has been the only bridge used by motorists, trucks and pedestrians for evacuation of agricultural products to major markets.

A community leader, Mr Ekaette Akpan, who represented the village head explained on Tuesday that more than three persons including school children have lost their lives while trying to cross the bridge.

Akpan, who was in company of the deputy village head, Obong Safety Tony, lamented that "since the collapse of the bridge linking the community with others in 2011, things have become increasingly difficult for the residents of the community."

According to him, residents of the community have been completely cut off from the rest of the communities, resulting in the disruption of socio-economic activities.