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## Niger college students protest alleged killing of colleague

**S**TUDENTS of the Niger State College of Education, Minna campus, yesterday protested an alleged killing of their colleague, Miss Ochuka Clifford, by a tipper driver. The students blocked the Minna-Suleja Road.

Travellers, including the former military President, Gen. Ibrahim Babangida, were stranded on the road for about four hours.

The vehicle, it was learnt, allegedly crushed Miss Clifford and a commercial motorcyclist at about 9:30 am.

### •IBB, others stranded in traffic

From Jide Orintunsin, Minna

Irked by the incident, the students took to the street, breaking windcreens of all vehicles they saw.

The development attracted the 31 Field Artillery Brigade whose barracks is directly opposite the college.

Some soldiers were mobilised to clear the traffic, having been informed

that Gen. Babangida was stranded.

Efforts by the soldiers to persuade the students to go back to their classrooms failed as they became more violent.

The soldiers were angered.

They fired some shots into the air to scare away the protesters.

Two female students were allegedly hit by stray bullets - a development which aggravated the situation.

Riot policemen arrived at the scene to maintain law and order before the former military leader could be allowed passage.

The college's Provost, Prof. Faruk Haruna, blamed the accident on recklessness of the driver.

He said but for the violent protest, the students were only reacting to the alleged killing of their colleague.

## Man, 25, arraigned for killing brother's wife

**T**HE police have arrested a 25-year-old man, Emeka Sunday, for allegedly killing his brother's wife, Toyin Sunday.

The suspect was alleged to have stabbed the victim to death in the middle of the night.

He was arraigned yesterday at a Lagos State High Court, Ikeja, on a one-count charge of murder.

The suspect pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The police said Emeka allegedly murdered Mrs. Sunday in the presence of her four-year-old daughter.

The deceased's husband

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was said to have been away on the fateful night.

They lived in the same room.

The suspect claimed that the door of their room was left open because of heat, and that unknown persons could have perpetrated the act while he was asleep.

The incident occurred at 13, Wharf Road, Ogonloto, Ikorodu, on March 9, 2008.

The police said the suspect claimed he was surprised that the late Mrs.

Sunday was stabbed while he slept off yet he did not know who allegedly killed her.

A blood-soaked pillow and wrapper were recovered from the room.

No knife was found when the victim was found in a pool of her own blood the following morning.

The offence is contrary Section 319 (1) of the Criminal Code Law, Cap C17, Vol. 2, Laws of Lagos State 2003.

Justice L. A. Okunnu adjourned the case till September 7.

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