

Tension as police allegedly kill female student in Makurdi



There is a growing tension in Makurdi, the **Benue State** capital, following the killing of a female student of the Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State, Miss Emmanuela Ahenjir, at the early hours of Friday at Wurukum Roundabout.

The Nation learnt that the deceased student went out with some friends on Thursday night and was returning home at about 4:00am, when on arriving Wurukum Roundabout met a police road-block.

It was further gathered that the driver of the car conveying them took the other side of the road and refused to stop when police operatives flagged him down for a routine check; and that it was at this point that one of the officers allegedly opened fire, which hit the lady at her waist.

Report said she later died before medication could come.

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Meanwhile, there are threats that if by Tuesday next week, the identities of the police officers responsible for the killing are not made public; the city of Makurdi will be shut down.

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“Makurdi will witness a total shutdown through a peaceful protest. We will not relent. We will not be silenced. Justice must be served, and those responsible must be held accountable”.

Ukan Kurugh, a Human and Gender Rights Activist, Voice of the Voiceless, and Messenger of Necessity, stated on his Facebook page

“To the Commissioner of Police, the time to act is now. We have exhausted every peaceful and lawful avenue to seek justice, if we continue to be ignored, we will respond differently”, he threatened.

Kurugh urged the public to anticipate the colors of the day which is BLACK. “Wait for further instructions. Do not wait until it hits your own home, stand up now,” he said.

Efforts to get confirmation from the Police Public Relations Officer, CPS Sewuese Anene, failed, as she did not respond to the text message sent to her.