

3 feared dead as policeman struggles with taxi driver in Abuja

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THREE persons, on Thursday morning, lost their lives, when a policeman (name withheld) was dragging steering with a taxi driver in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The unfortunate incident, which happened at Arap on Utako-Abuja Road, in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) around 11 a.m, later resulted to protest by both the pedestrians and other taxi drivers during which the road was barricaded for more than 30 minutes.

It was after that that policemen regrouped and started firing teargas to demobilise the angry mob.

Witnesses told the Nigerian Tribune that the late taxi driver was accosted at Arap Junction by the suspect (policeman) and forcefully gained entrance into the vehicle.

Investigations by the Nigerian Tribune further revealed that the suspect, who was said to have taken to his heels, started struggling with the taxi driver to take over the steering in order to park the taxi.

However, the driver lost

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control and the vehicle somersaulted before hitting two pedestrians.

It was gathered further that the driver died immediately, while the remaining victims died few minutes after the incident. All the corpses were said to have been deposited at an

undisclosed hospital within the council area.

Conflicting reports, however, had it that only the driver died immediately, while the two others were still receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

When the *Nigerian Tribune* visited the Out Sta-

tion of the Nigeria Police, B-Division, Utako District, Wuse Zone Six, Abuja, the Officer in Charge (O/C) was said to have gone out for official assignment, but an Inspector by rank, said: "you can only get your information at the scene of the incident.

"Because the O/C is not

around now, and we don't even have any suspect in our custody, so it will be difficult. Even if O/C is around, to tell you anything would be impossible because we don't have any information for now as regards what happened there this morning," he added.



Chief of Staff to the President, Alhaji Abba Kyari (middle), receiving Budget details from the Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Eta Enang (left) and the Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Reps), Honourable Suleiman Kawu, at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, on Thursday.

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