

the visit of the governor to the ministry headquarters, in Abuja, on Thursday. With them is the Minister of State for Science and Technology, Mr Muhammed Abdullahi. Photo: NAN.

## Vehicle crushes 2 persons to death in Ekiti

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TRAGEDY struck at Ayegbaju-Ekiti in Oye Local Government Area of Ekiti State on Thursday when two persons in the community were crushed to death by a vehicle driven by a student of a higher institution in the state.

A source in the community told the Nigerian Tribune that the vehicle was on top speed when the incident happened.

The source, who did not reveal the identities of the

deceased, said: "The vehicle was on top speed and at a bend on the road, the motorcyclist and his passenger were coming in the opposite direction but due to the speed of the vehicle, the driver crushed them and both died on the spot."

He added that the driver of the vehicle visited the nearest police station to report the incident and for fear of being attacked by youths in the community.

The incident angered members of the community who took to the streets to

protest the killing, which they said was becoming too much.

According to them, the community had lost so many persons to accidents along the route, which they blamed on the recklessness of motorists.

Expressing their grievances, the protesters barricaded the major route in the community, thereby hindering free flow of traffic and subjecting motorists to hardship.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Of-

ficer (PPRO), DSP Sunday Abutu, confirmed the incident.

Abutu said: "The accident occurred along the Ifaki-Ayegbaju road. A driver, who happened to be a student of a higher institution in the state, crushed the motorcyclist and a woman he was carrying to death.

"As a result of the incident, the youth became angry and barricaded the road, but due to the swift response of our men, everything has been put under control. The driver is very much in our

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