



Yelwa youths protesting the alleged murder of a 67-year-old man, Adamu Babanta, at the Bauchi-Tafawa Balewa Highway in Bauchi on Monday.

① Yelwa youths block Bauchi-Tafawa Balewa highway, protest alleged murder of 67-year-old man

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THE death of one Adamu Babanta, a 67-year-old retired civil servant resident in Yelwa Labura area of the Bauchi on Monday, has led to a violent protest by youths in the area.

As early as 7 a.m, the youths stormed the Bauchi - Tafawa Balewa highway in front of the College of Agriculture and blocked the road on both sides, stopping free flow of traffic and forcing road users to seek the alternate road to and from Yelwa and Bauchi.

On investigations, it was revealed that on Sunday, at about 5.30 p.m., Babanta,

was allegedly killed by his, 68 years old friend (name withheld), with his car.

A close relative of the deceased who did not disclose his name, said, "the man and my late brother were friends. It was alleged that the man attempted to have a sexual relationship with an 18-year-old SSS 2 daughter of his late friend that had been making advances to her."

"The girl reported to her mother who then told the father. On Sunday, he called the girl and sent a message to her that she should meet him at a filling station by 5 p.m so that they could go out,"

"The girl informed her father who then asked her to go as planned and that he will follow behind to ascertain the situation. As expected, he was waiting at the point, while the father was watching as the girl arrived."

"The man asked her to enter the car after he had opened the door, but at that point, the father came out and confronted his friend, expressing concern. He then tried to run away but there was a struggle between them which led to pushing the deceased out of the car, he hit his head on the pavement of the road, while the car ran over his legs and broke the bones

and Babanta eventually died on the way to the hospital," he added.

Bauchi State Police Command confirmed the incident, but assured that the situation had been brought under control, while security operatives had been drafted to keep the peace in the area.

While confirming the story, the Command's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ahmed Mohammed Wakili, said, "Yesterday (Sunday), at about 1930hours, a case of a motor accident was transferred from the Yelwa division directly to the MTD for a discreet investigation, it was a case of culpable homicide. It

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