

• Scene of the accident on Kara Bridge on Thursday.

## Man stabbed to death over alleged rape in Benue

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A man was on Thursday reportedly killed and his house burnt by a mob in Makurdi, the Benue State capital.

The incident occurred at North Bank, a suburb of Makurdi, after a young Tiv girl was said to have reported that the man had carnal knowledge of her.

An eyewitness who did not want to be mentioned said trouble started when the young man was reported to have defiled the girl.

"The lady reported the incident to his brother who confronted the man and stabbed him.

"However, by the time they rushed him to a hospital, he was said to have died," he said.

The death of the young man caused crisis leading to the destruction of property in the area.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Catherine Anene, who confirmed the incident, said a young man had chased a lady and people suspected he was about to take advantage of her.

"They asked him why he was

chasing the girl and a fight ensued. Somebody stabbed him and he died on his way to the hospital.

"After his burial, some miscreants in the area rose up claiming it was one community that killed the other.

"A house was burnt but peace has been restored to the area," the police spokesperson said.