

Youths protest as police kill Anambra only son

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SCORES of youths from Enugwu in the Njikoka Local Government Area of Anambra State, on Thursday, protested the alleged killing of a young man by a vehicle while being chased by the police.

They obstructed vehicular movement on the Old Enugu/Onitsha Road for hours by making bonfires and singing war songs.

A source told our correspondent that the victim was killed by policemen enforcing the 8pm to 6am curfew.

"The young man, on sighting the policemen on duty at the Ezi Ellias junction, tried to run away, but they pursued him and shot him," the source stated.

Another source said, "A boy, who was a barber apprentice and the only son of his parents from the Adagbe Avomimi village of Enugwu Ugwu was heading home from work last night (Wednesday) a few minutes past 8pm and policemen from the Nimo unit chased him until he was knocked down by a moving vehicle.

"We have lost three youths in Anambra State in the name of enforcing the lockdown and curfew.

"Officially, we have not recorded any COVID-19 death in the state, but we have recorded three deaths from the police enforcing the lockdown/curfew directives in the state."

A team of policemen was seen firing shots into the air to scare the protesters.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Haruna Mohammed, said it was a fatal accident involving the young man, who was knocked down by a vehicle.

"We have invited elders of the community to brief them on the true situation of things. We are on top of the situation," Mohammed stated.