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KESSINGTON ADEBUTU'S AIDE, BOSUN OLUKOYA ASSASSINATED

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The cold hands of death has snatched away the life of a young businessman and Chief Adebutu Kessington's close aide, Bosun Olukoya. He was killed by unknown gunmen and died 3days after on his arrival in South Africa where he was flown for treatment. Bosun, City People gathered was attacked by the gunmen on Sunday, 18th August while returning from his favourite club, F's in Yaba where he was with some of his friends. He was attacked at the entrance of his house at Onike in Yaba, they accosted and him he ran out of his car into his house; they ran after him and shot him on the staircase and made way with his jeep. He was immidiately rushed to an undisclosed hospital by his wife, Bisola and was later flown to South Africa in an Air Ambulance 3 days after on Wednesday,21ST August but died on his arrival in South Africa. Friends and family members have been mourning since his departure and many condolences have been sent in to commiserate with his family.

The death of Bosun was a big blow on the family and many of his friends and business associates trooped out from all walks of life for his funeral. On Tuesday,27th August, all the roads that led to lkoyi was at a standstill as thousands of his friends made their way to The Vaults and Gardens where his remains was interred. The 43 year old was buried amidst tears and his close friends poured out some emotional tributes and they were also there to pay their last respect to their friend whom they popularly called 'BOSMAN'. He is one of the closest boys of the ljebu High Chief and their closeness has spanned several years.

No wonder they threw their weight behind the whole burial and were conspicuously incharge from the day he was shot till when he was buried.

Bosun's company, Wyde-I, a Lagos-based wireless application provider is the company that handles operational activities of Chief Adebutu's Premier Lotto for many years. All Chief Adebutu's children were all present at the Burial and to further show their closeness with late Bosun, his son, Adebisi who is a director of Premier Lotto said: "we employed the industry's best practices in delivering our products to Nigerians in our business, he has been a close friend of the family, all I can say is that he was a rare gem and his death was shocking and painful but we pray God to grant him eternal rest". "He was seen as a bridge to his friends, a good man, problem solver and a solution provider, an easy going fellow", were some of the many tributes from his close friends. The funeral was handled by Funke Burknor of Zapphire Events and all proceedings were well taken care of.

Until his death, he was very sociable, close to top celebrities and widely connected in the corridors of power due to his hardwork and doggedness. His life was cut short and his many dreams remains unfulfilled. He left behind a beautiful wife, Bisola who is in her late 30s and 3 lovely children. He has worked hard for his money and he has a grass-to-grace story which is very inspiring. His death is a double loss for the entire family because the late Bosun lost his elder sister to the Dana Plane crash last year.

Bosun started his career as a General Manager at M4 Automobile in 1996 and moved ahead to several other companies including the Adata Group and We Deliver.com. The UNILAG graduate became the

managing partner at Wyde-I Limited in 2008 and also a Director in Arbico Plc in 2009, he held both positions until his death.

He was a prominent member of a Lagos Social club, F's where he left the fateful day he was shot. It was where they had a wake-keep for him due to his impressive membership. He was a sportman, a footballer and an ardent Arsenal fan. The Pallbearers that carried his corpse all wore Arsenal jerseys for the funeral. Many of his close pals that were visible at the funerals were Tope Asiwaju, a top Manager at Indomie Nigeria, Segun Opeke, a Director at Skye Bank, the Adebutu Kessington family, Senator Gbenga Ashafa and a host of others.

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