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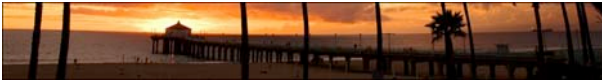
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Nigeria: Easter Tragedy - Lawal, Ex-Sun Newspapers Staff, 3 Others Die in Auto-Crash

Michael Olanrewaju

4 April 2010

Ilorin — Tragedy struck last Thursday, April 1, 2010 when a tyre of Sienna mini- bus conveying passengers from Lagos to Ilorin bust at Eyenkorin, a suburb of Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, killing four people including Saliu Lawal, a former night editor of The Sun Newspapers who until death worked with the Public Relations Unit of National Open University of Nigeria.

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11, 1956. He attended United Missionary Church of Africa (UMCA) Primary School. Bachita, 1968-1973; Fatimo Community College, Ekan Meje, 1973-1977; Kwara State College of Technology, School of Basic Studies, Ilorin, 1978-1979; and the University of Ilorin, Ilorin, 1984-1987.

He also attended Nigerian Institute of Journalism, Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos, 1990-1991 where he did his Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism and later, The University of Ibadan, 2001-2002 for his Masters of Arts Degree in History.

He joined the service of The Sun Newspapers as pioneer night editor, 2002-2004 before joining the services of the National Open University of Nigeria's Public Relations Unit where he worked from 2004 until his death in the auto crash of April 1, 2010.

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On the late Lawal, the wife described him as a gentle amiable, God fearing, lover of peace per excellence as well as family- both nuclear and extended. While his son, Luqman, a medical student in the University of Ilorin said, "I don't know what to say about this man. He is too good to be called my father, should I call him a messiah, or a martyr. He lived a selfless life for the family and community. Daddy, I'm sure you are resting with our great prophet. Your Islamic life baffles me whole lot. Adieu papa."

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