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POLICEMAN KILLED WHILE CROSSING ROAD AT NICON JUNCTION

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A mobile policeman identified as Corporal Monday Atiga was hit by a motorist while attempting to cross the ever busy Nicon Junction also known as Maitama Junction in Abuja.

The victim was said to have died on the spot after one of his legs was completely cut off in addition to severe injuries he sustained on his head.

The driver of the vehicle was said to be heading towards Mabushi from Kubwa axis.

A witness, Mary William, said she had crossed the road ahead of the victim when she heard a noise as the driver of the car suddenly applied his breaks.

"The next thing I saw was his lifeless body with his leg separated from his body," she said.

Another witness, Hamisu Tukur, said he was driving behind the car that hit the policeman, adding that the victim had trekked almost half of the road, but decided to move back after realizing that another motorist was coming on high speed and refused to slow down for him to cross.

"It was at that moment that he was hit by a motorist, who was already close to the spot," he said.

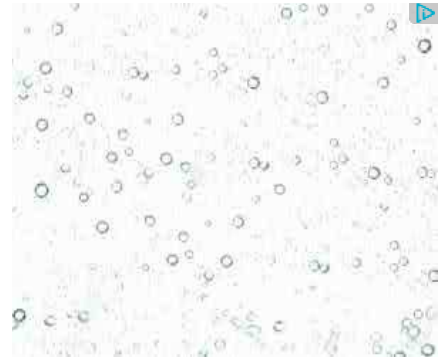
In his account, the driver of the ill-fated car, Bello Abdulmalik, who was visibly shocked, claimed that in an attempt to dodge the accident, he almost hit a street light, while the victim was going back in order to dodge another motorist who refused to slow down for him.

"But the man had already come over my way, that was how I hit him. Some people said he was drunk, but I cannot confirm that because I did not go close to him," he said.

A Police Traffic Officer with Mabushi Police Division, Assistant Superintendent Nicholas Kulia, who identified the victim, confirmed the incident.

The officer led other policemen to the spot to control the traffic jam which ensued as a result of the accident.

Our reporter learnt at the scene of the accident that the remains of the victim were later taken to Maitama hospital morgue by men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) while the driver and his car were taken to Mabushi police division.



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