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Army Major Feared Killed In Accident

From Alemma-Ozioruva Aliu, Benin

A MAJOR in the Nigerian army attached to the 4th Brigade in Benin , Edo state yesterday died in a lone motor accident.

He was said to have died as a result of over - speeding at Ologbo Bridge near Upper Sokponba road in the state capital.

The army officer, whose identity was not immediately known, was in the company of his wife at the time the accident happened. She is said to have sustained injuries. According to the Zonal Commanding Officer of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Zakari Ndah, yesterday in Benin , the victim was driving himself.

Ndah who confirmed the death of the army officer yesterday in Benin said the couple were travelling in their car with registration number DQ 616 ABJ when the incident occurred. He said the body of the deceased officer had been deposited at the Military Hospital in Benin . Items recovered from the scene of the accident he added were deposited in the zonal command of the FRSC in the state.

However, the spokesman of the 4th Brigade command Benin of the Nigerian Army, Major Ezindu Idima when contacted on telephone yesterday confirmed that the officer only had an accident but was in a critical condition. "Yes he was involved in an accident Thursday evening along the bye pass. He is in a critical condition, the wife was with him but she is in a stable condition, I am not aware that the officer is dead but he is in a critical condition".

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