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Police to probe death of cyclist in Ilorin

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TO ascertain the cause of the accident, Kwara State **Police** Command is investigating the circumstances, which led to the **death** of a passenger of a commercial motor cycle who died yesterday along Abdul Wahab Folawiyo Street Ilorin.

According to the spokesman of the command, Dabo Ezekiel the **police** would investigate the true cause of the accident which occurred at about 10 a.m. but would also prosecute any suspect linked with it.

The head of the passenger was smashed beyond recognition, after a tanker had run over him leading to his **death** on the spot. Besides, the **cyclist**, now at the emergency wing of University of **Ilorin** Teaching Hospital (UITH), sustained severe fracture on both legs after being pulled out of the bombers of the truck.

Eye witness accounts revealed that the **cyclist** on a moderate speed along his lane suddenly ran into a door of a commercial vehicle when one of the passengers of the cab opened the door.

"The force threw the **cyclist** and his passenger off the bike and threw them under the unsuspecting tanker that was coming closely behind them. The tanker ran over the passenger while the cyclist was a bit lucky but sustained severe fractures on both legs", said a witness.

Another witness said the deceased had just come out of one of the commercial banks along the street, apparently after a transaction, before meeting his **death**.

The state's House of Assembly some two years ago passed into law a bill making it an offence for motor cyclists in the state to operate without wearing helmet. But it is not certain whether or not the same law is applicable to the passengers.

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