

Akure loses prime minister, three others to fatal crash

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THE *Olisa* of Akure Kingdom in Ondo State, Chief Raymond James Olusoga, aged 79, and two others have lost their lives on Sunday night in a ghastly motor accident that occurred in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Aside late Olusoga, who was the Prime Minister of Akure, a former Director in the Federal Ministry of Works and Special Adviser to

the state governor on Infrastructure, Prince Tunde Adesida also died in the accident.

The Guardian learnt that Olusoga, who was a certified COREN engineer, was on his way to Abuja for the payment of his pension before he met his untimely death. He was installed as the *Olisa* seven years ago following the deposition of Chief Folorunso Davies, his predecessor.

A family source said late Olusoga was in Abuja on the invitation of the Senator representing Ondo Central Senatorial District, Omotayo Alasoadura, to meet with the Senate Committee on Pension in order for him to rectify the anomaly in his pension.

According to him, the Prime Minister, who is also next in rank to the *Deji* of Akure, has not received his pension since he retired

from the Federal Government service over a decade ago.

While confirming the death, the Secretary of the *Olisa*/Ogelemodu Dynasty, Mr. Tayo Abisola, disclosed that "there was a serious accident on the road in Kwali Mathematical Centre and Baba passed on. Three of them died in the accident. I learnt a truck hit them from behind and they died instantly," he said.

Abisola stated that the family would miss the *Olisa* for his generosity and passion for the development of Akure kingdom, noting that the late chieftain single-handedly renovated the *Olisa* Palace in the state capital.

He lamented that the vacuum caused by his sudden death would be very difficult to fill, revealing that he was the unifying factor within the chiefs and his family members.

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