

Bob: Lagos cyclists, family seek justice as community rides in honour of slain member

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LAGOS cyclists at the weekend called for justice for the deputy managing director and co-founder of Vetiva Capital Management, Olaolu Mudasiru known popularly as Dr. Bob.

The 68-year-old son of Gbolahan Mudasiru, former military governor of Lagos State was murdered on Sunday morning, December 11, 2022, by a hit-and-run driver while cycling with two other persons on the Bourdillon road in the Ikoyi area of Lagos.

Police are yet to arrest any suspect in connection to the incident.

The cyclist community at the programme tagged: 'A Ride for Dr. Bob', included Pitstop, Cycology Cycling Club and others.

Speaking with *The Guardian*, founder, Pitstop Lagos, Aminadab Allen Adegboro, who led the team said: "We come together to ride in honour of Dr. Bob. Every cyclist and everyone is affected by this and we need to create the awareness that the life of every cyclist matters on the road and when a motorist sees us, he or she should give at least three feet away from us.

"Dr. Bob was an integral part of our cycling community, he was one of the key members of Pitstop cycling community. He will be terribly missed, and this is the least we can do to honour him."

Calling for justice, Adegboro, who is also a trustee of



Cyclists during the ride in honour of the late Olaolu Mudasiru, in Lagos...

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Pitstop Cycling Community said: "I implore the people to do everything within their reach to bring the perpetrators to justice, justice must be served.

"We need to appeal to motorists, because most times when they see us on the road, they are angry and impatient. Motorists must give way to cyclists. We are strapped to the bike, our legs are locked on the pedal. It won't take anything just to give us like three feet whilst overtaking, don't drink and drive.

"Don't text while driving. Don't be on the phone while driving. We just have to be more careful. We need to be more aware. We need to be generous enough to share the road with cyclists and every other road user, including runners, and walkers who are trying to keep fit and it shouldn't be a crime to

try to keep fit.

"The death of Dr. Bob will not deter us, he would want us to continue cycling and we will continue and will continue to preach to motorists to be a bit more careful and generous on the road.

On her advice to other cyclists, she said: "What we have always advised and what we will continue to push is that every cyclist coming out of their home should have their driver behind them protecting, and shielding them from any vehicle that is coming."

On her part, Nigerian actress, Kate Henshaw, said: "Lives of bikers and others matter and government must ensure protection. People should not be afraid to do what they love in the pursuit of being healthy just because others are not considerate.

"It's good that the cyclists came out in their numbers to

show solidarity. Riding makes people healthier and lives longer, but someone has died from it because we have a system that doesn't protect everyone."

Speaking, an aunt to the deceased, Bolatito Ajibode, said: "We are hurt, but we are thankful at the same time because he lived a life of purpose. I met with the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alabi and he said that the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of the area is working tirelessly to ensure that the driver is caught, but whether they see the driver or not, we know that he can never have peace so, we leave everything in the hands of God. He comes from a prominent Muslim family and we know that from God we come and return to Him, but we are doing our best to get justice."