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Nicholas Tanimowo

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Daily Independent Staff Buried Amidst Tears In Abuja



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Abuja – The remains of Late Nicholas Adeolu Tanimowo, a staff of Daily Independent Newspapers, was on Saturday buried at the Christian Cemetery, Gudu, in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, amidst tears from family, colleagues, friends and well-wishers.

Late Tanimowo, who was until his death, Daily Independent's Assistant Subscription Manager in Abuja, was killed recently in an auto crash along Nikon Junction, Abuja- Kubwa Expressway.

He was buried after a short service conducted at his graveside by Pastor of the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries (MFM) in the presence of family members, sympathizers, colleagues, friends and well-wishers who gathered to bid him farewell.

Late Nicholas Adeolu Tanimowo hailed from Oka, Akoko South West Local Government Area of Ondo state, from where his extended family members came to Abuja to witness the burial of their late son.

Brother Olorunfemi, the officiating pastor, urged people to always endeavour to live every day as if it were the last so as to always be prepared for the judgment of God.

He used the opportunity to preach the gospel to the congregation urging people to re-examine their lives while they still enjoy the grace of God.

Taking his readings from the Bible of Revelations Chapter 20, from Verse 13, he noted that every dead shall come awake to face the throne of judgement when the time comes.

According to him, on the judgement day every dead shall be made to recall in details how he or she lived live on earth, urging people to live their lives in such a way that the wrath of the Lord shall not be against them on the day of judgement.

The pastor, however, urged the family and friends to take solace in the hope that late Nicholas has gone ahead to unite with his Creator, even as he prayed to God to continue to uphold the immediate family.

In a short remark, the Mr Ade Ogidan, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, of Independent Newspapers Limited, said it was a sad day for the company, adding that the Late Nicholas was one of the most resourceful staff of the company.

Mr Ogidan, who was represented by Tony Ezimakor, the Abuja Bureau Chief, noted the deceased did all he could in the marketing department where he worked.

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"I want to thank all that have come to mourn with us. It is a very difficult time to talk because we were with him just a week ago but now he is no more. On behalf of the management of Independent Newspapers, I want to thank you all for joining us today, friends, families.



"For the number of years that Nickolas was in Independent he stood out as a hard worker. Today, almost all former staff of the company, even those who had left long ago, have gathered for us to mourn our brother because we were like a family.

"The company I represent is today really sad because Nicholas was and remain one of the most resourceful staff we had. Like one of my colleagues said squeezes water out of stone. In the marketing area that he served, he did all he could, if there is a place that is not marketable he would open it. That anybody can attest. To say that we are shocked is, to put it mildly, but what can we say, we can not question the course that we face as mortals," he said.

He urged the extended family and friends to continue to look after the immediate family, assuring that even the Independent Newspapers family will not abandon the wife and children.

Tony Eluemunor, the first Abuja Bureau Chief of Independent Newspapers, regretted that too many lives are lost due to lack of adequate infrastructure and bad management on the part of those entrusted with leadership.

He described late Nicholas as a hard worker who would have stood out as a star in an ideal environment.

"I woke up this morning feeling very sad. I felt very sad because Nick was a go getter. In a more fruitful environment, Nick should have been a Star. The environment in every way. That includes his organization Daily Independent, in a better-managed organization the guy would have been well known.

"I was one of those who talked to him to return to Independent, I woke up feeling guilty that maybe I would have just left him where he was, not just whether where was better one, perhaps he would have remained alive. If we had a better transport system because we don't have busses in Abuja or train, he would have been in a train or a bus, but he went and entered into what they call Kabu Kabu perhaps.

"And the driver lost a tyre and he stepped on the brake. Of course, you and I know that such a person is inexperienced. Such an inexperienced person should never have been driving in public, that is why I said in a better society this guy should have been alive. We waste lives in this country," he said.

Also, Mr Joe Nwankwo, a former Bureau Chief of the Newspaper, said the late Nicholas was one the most honest people he has worked with.

He said: "Nick was one of the most honest people I have ever worked with. During my time as the Bureau Chief, he was very resourceful. He doesn't have anger no matter what you tell him and he was always interested in the job.

"As they said there, he can squeeze money out of Stone. He is somebody that is always full of ideas and he is passionate about what he does.

"He is a Christian if you see the people that came here, these are people that have left Independent for donkey years but because of the person he was, we all said we must be here to pay him our last respect. I just pray that the good Lord will give the family the fortitude to bear the loss. He was a great soul, a great worker."

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