Hit-and-run Driver Kills Ex-LEADERSHIP Employee

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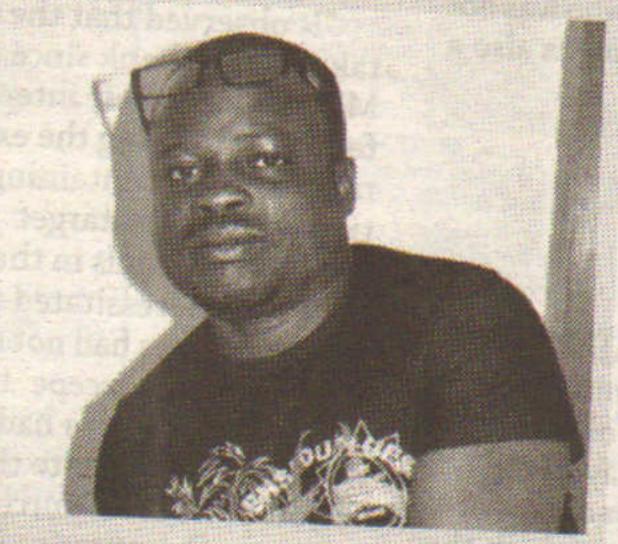
An ex-LEADERSHIP staff, Mr Ekarika Clement, has been killed by a hit-and-run driver in Abuia.

Ekarika was returning from the naming ceremony of his friend and was hit and killed on the spot, while crossing the express way along Kubwa Express Way, on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013. He was born on September 28, 1981 to the family of Ekarikaltoro and hails from Uruan local government area of Akwalbom State. He was planning to get married next month, before he met his untimely death.

Reacting to his death, a LEADERSHIP staff, Mr Ubong Ekong, said he was informed of Ekarika's death, by men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), 30 minutes after they dropped him along Kubwa-Gwarimpa Express Way.

Ekong said, "A road safety official called me with Ekarika's phone number and introduces himself and inquired if I knew the owner of the line, when I told him he is my brother, he informed me that he was involved in an accident and died on the spot.

"The official told me that they met Clem's lifeless body at the scene of the accident and no one was there to claim responsibility for the accident. He simply told me it was the handi-



The late Clement Ekarika

work of a hit-and-run driver."

Ekarika, who is commonly called Clem, worked with LEADERSHIP before proceeding to work with the National Trail, an Abujabased newspaper.

Our correspondent's Facebook wall was flooded with condolence messages from friends and colleagues after his death was announced on the social network site. According to them, Clem was a hard working, disciplined, talented and easy going young man.

His corpse has been deposited at the Kubwa General Hospital Mortuary, in Abuja.