

# Falobi, JAAIDS director shot dead

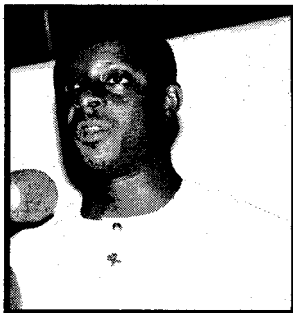
**T**HE Founder/ Executive Director of Journalists Against AIDS (JAAIDS) Nigeria, Mr. Omololu Falobi, is dead.

He died from injuries sustained in an armed robbery operation on Thursday night on his way home from Alagbado.

According to a statement by the Head, Research and Communications, JAAIDS Nigeria, Mr. Kingsley Obom-Egbulem, Mr. Falobi was returning home from a speaking engagement where he addressed young entrepreneurs on the importance of social responsibility when he was shot at by armed robbers who were trying to avoid a shootout.

A multiple-award winning journalist and trainer, Mr. Falobi, until his death, was the Founder/Executive Director of Journalists

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• **Omololu Falobi** Against AIDS (JAAIDS) Nigeria. He was Features Editor of Nigeria's largest-selling weekly, The Sunday Punch, from where he resigned in 2000 to run JAAIDS full time.

Mr. Falobi, who hold Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Dramatic Arts and Political Science respectively, won the International AIDS Society's Young Investigator Award in 2000, the same year he was named the winner of the

Highway Africa Award for Innovative Use of New Media in recognition of his outstanding and innovative use of the Internet in African journalism.

A board member of The Black AIDS Institute (formerly the African American AIDS Policy and Training Institute), Los Angeles, USA; the Nigerian Youth AIDS Programme (NYAP); and the Positive Life Organization ( a support group for people living with HIV/AIDS), he was appointed an Ashoka fellow in 2001, thus joining an elite group of only 2000 'social entrepreneurs' who are recognised worldwide for their outstanding and innovative approaches to 're-engineering society. Programme for HIV/AIDS

He is survived by his wife and his two children, as well as siblings and an aged mother.