

Father of five dies in road crash

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A FATHER of five, has died from injuries sustained after being knocked down by a driver.

Tiamiyu, who was riding his motorcycle with registration number Q5834AAA was hit by a vehicle belonging to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH). The vehicle with number plate FG 467 Q12 was driven by Lanre Osho.

The accident occurred around 9pm on Thursday along Ade-Oyo Street off Sadiku Street, Ilasamaja, Mushin.

Khalifah, as Tiamuyu is fondly called, and his passengers were rushed to May Hospital, on Sadiku Street, Ilasamaja, Mushin.

The hospital referred them to LUTH, where Tiamiyu died the following morning.

The Nation learnt that residents of the area where the accident occurred deflated the vehicle's tyres in anger.

According to an eyewitness, Yemi Adeleye, "the driver was reckless that night. You wonder why he has to engage such speed in a narrow area. We just thank God that it was not in the day time when school children flock the road."

Adeleye described the driver's action as "heartless."

"The incident is better imagined. I thought I was watching a movie with the horrible way the driver ran into the motorcyclist and his passengers. I know the victims will require miracle to be alive," Adeleye said.

Sulaimon Asiwaju, a commercial motorcyclist, was among those who rushed the victims to hospital.

He said: "What attracted us was the horrific situation of the accident. I parked and immediately attracted by the green cloth Khalifah wore on that day. People apprehended the driver while trying to run away. The same LUTH vehicle was used to convey the victims to May Hospital. When the hospital rejected them, the angry youths deflated the bus tyres and conveyed them to LUTH with a Danfo. I left immediately to call his relatives. We all left for LUTH where he was placed on oxygen, his eyes were swollen and blood gushed out from various parts of his body. His legs were broken. No, this cannot be Khalifah, a relative said amidst sobs. Some wept like baby seeing the damage the driver had caused.

"We saw the driver a few minutes later reeking of alcohol . We learnt that the nurses on sighting him yelled "You this stupid driver again. You have ruined other people's lives."

The Nation followed the bereaved relatives who reported the matter to the Olosan Police Station, Mushin on Friday, at the instance of the Mushin Area Commander.

At the station, it took the intervention of the Area Commander for the Police to act. The complainants had been chased away by the

Divisional Traffic Officer (DTO), who accused them of not reporting the case on the night of the accident.

“What do you want me to do now when you failed to report last night, you are now coming when your man is dead. Leave this place, there is nothing I can do,” the DTO Ndukauba Onuma.

Immediately, a call was made to the Area Commander who spoke with Onuma on phone. The DTO later raised two officers to take up the case. The officers Chijago Vincent and Amodu Nuhu went to LUTH to tow the vehicle to the station.

The driver, according to LUTH PSO Akinbohun on Friday, is emotionally unbalance.

Akinbohun promised to hand the driver over to the police the next day.

At the time of filing this report yesterday, Osho has not been handed over to the police.

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