

## CITYBEATS

### Vehicles crush man to death

By Dada Aladelokun

**H**E was close to home but he never got there. He was crushed to death by two vehicles while attempting to cross the busy Ikorodu Road at Palmgrove bus-stop, Lagos.

His refusal to use the pedestrian bridge at the bus-stop cost him his life.

Friends of the deceased, whose name was simply given as Taofeek, told *The Nation* that they warned him against crossing the road.

They said he refused, adding that his refusal may not be unconnected with the fact that he was drunk.

They were returning from a party in Ikorodu and alighted from a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) vehicle at Palmgrove around 9.02 pm on Monday.

Amid tears, his friends evacuated his mangled body and took it to his residence in Adebari in Somolu, a stone throw from the scene.

A friend, Benson, told *The Nation* that Taofeek would probably not have attempted to cross the road if he was not drunk.

He said: "We were coming from a party at Ikorodu where he drank Hennessy (a popular brand of exotic alcoholic liquor). In fact, knowing full well that he was drunk, we all warned him against not using the pedestrian bridge while he was alighting from the bus. Oh, this is how Taofeek will end his talent as a well-loved designer."

A woman, who witnessed the accident said: "We were all shocked when we heard the bangs in quick succession. The cars that hit him sped off, leaving him dead. By the time his friends and sympathisers got there, his head had been shattered beyond recognition. But his friends who watched it happen took his remains to his residence without wasting time."

Members of Kick Against Indiscipline (KAI), have been drafted to the highway to ensure that pedestrians use the bridges, especially during day time.

### Petrol tanker falls in Lagos

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By Chinaka Okoro

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