



## How DVC, son, four others died in road crash

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FATHER and son parted ways in Lagos on Sunday, with plans of reuniting in Osogbo, the Osun State capital, for the *Eid-El-Kabir* celebrations.

But it turned out to be the last time that AbdulAzeez would see his father, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor-designate of Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. Abdul Hakeem Mobolaji alive.

The professor of Econometrics died in an accident on the Lagos-Ibadan Express way, with his 14-year-old son, Muhammad.

He left for Ibadan after a meeting in Ijeshatedo, Lagos on Sunday.

With him in his black Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) were his sons ~ the late Muhammad and Abdul-Hafiz ~ and a friend, Mr Abdul-Rasheed Attah, a lawyer.

A passenger bus rammed into the late Mobolaji's SUV after overtaking another vehicle on the narrow road. The road had been partitioned by the contractor working on it.

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The late Mobolaji, who drove, and Muhammad died on the spot. Attah and the late Mobolaji's second son, AbdulHafiz were injured.

Attah immediately called a relative and gave his phone to a woman to inform the person of the accident.

Shortly after, he and Abdul Hafiz went into a coma.

*The Nation* learnt that four persons, including the bus driver also died. Many passengers broke their legs.

The late Mobolaji and his son were on Monday buried in Akinyele Local Government Area, Oyo State.

Thousands of people attended the funeral.

He said: „Who will take care of us now that he is late?I was expecting to link up with him at Fountain University today (Monday). I was calling his phone on Sunday when I didn't hear from him whether he has reached Ibadan where he was expected to pick other family members but he wasn't picking his calls. I called him severally up to 30 times but no one is picking the call. I called the MD of Al Barakah Microfinance Bank to tell him that I have been calling my father but he was not picking his call that he should help me call him but later he came back with some people to announce his death that Allah has taken him back. I pray to Almighty Allah to grant the family the fortitude to bear the loss because he was the bread winner of the family and no one else.”

The late Mobolaji was said to have delivered a lecture at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), on Saturday, and came to Lagos for a meeting. He hailed from Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, and joined Fountain University from the University of Ilorin, where he was a Senior Lecturer and Postgraduate Coordinator.

Described as a respected teacher, the late Mobolaji was a consultant to the 7th National Assembly and several other institutions including the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on economics matters.



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