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ASUU LASU chief's son dies in road crash

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A lawyer and a motorcyclist were killed on Sunday night in a road crash at Volks bus stop on Lagos-Badagry Expressway.

The lawyer, Usaamah, was the son of Dr AbdurRasheed Adetokunbo Adenowo, the Welfare Officer of Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Lagos State University (LASU) chapter.

He was 25.

The Nation learnt yesterday that the *okada* rider and Usaamah were hit by a trailer while trying to avoid an oncoming Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) that drove against traffic.

"The reckless SUV driver drove the wrong way to avoid heavy traffic on the other lane. The *okada* rider, in a bid to avoid head on collision with the SUV, unknowingly turned to a speeding trailer. That man (Usaamah) and the *okada* rider were hit by the trailer. Both of them died on the spot," an eyewitness told *The Nation*.

According to Adebajji Adeyemi, a PhD student and friend of Dr Adenowo, a soldier saw Usaamah's Identity Card, traced the address on it to his home to inform his parents.

"The *okada* rider has been buried. Usaamah was buried earlier today (yesterday) at Isashi in Ojo Local Government," he said.

Adeyemi, who taught the late Usaamah English language at Vanguard Academy, a secondary school in Ijebu-Ishiwu, Ogun State, described him as a gentle and intelligent person.

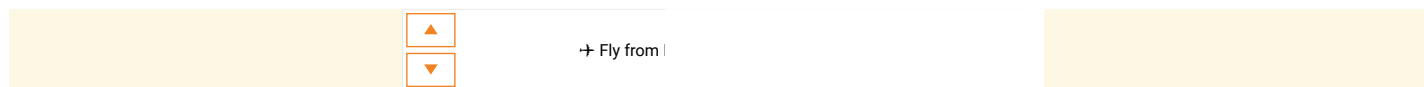
"He studied Law at the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN), Kwara State. He was on his Master's at the University of Ibadan (UI), Oyo State. He was working with a law firm in Surulere. He was coming to Masha where he stayed with someone due to the distance from his parents' house and the perennial traffic along the Badagry Expressway. I am devastated by his death," he said.

The late Usaamah was called to Bar in 2015 after his Law School Programme in Adamawa State. He did his National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) in 2016 in Imo State.

"But death has no feeling or concern for academic pedigree. Its irresistible fingers spare no mortal. This young charming lawyer is the first son of his parents. That Usaamah has now gone to a world of no return. Why will death take a child and spare the parents? Parents who are older, more travelled, have been enjoying life! It is because age is not the parameter for death," Vanguard Academy Director Dr Zafaran Adeniyi said.

Adeniyi described the late Usaamah as an icon.

"He was always smiling. He was a great son, a student determined to live for the mission of his parents and teachers. No elder or associate could fault the humility of Usaamah. He was always seeking to know. He practised what he knew even if the whole world moved in a different direction," he said.



The late Usaamah's friend, Abdullah Oduwale, who spoke with him before his death, described the news as shocking.

"As I was about to sleep, my phone rang. And the caller said, 'I just heard Usaamah just died.' 'Let me confirm, we chatted during the day' I replied. As I called to confirm the story, I was shocked," he said.

Oduwale, a former Vanguard Academy Old Students Association (VAOSA) President, described Usaamah as a perfect gentleman,

Oduwale, in his tribute to him, wrote: "So humble and principled; He was so calm and would make his point known in a subtle way. He would always strive hard to practise what he had learnt. He never used abusive words or castigated anybody. He was my General Secretary while I was the President of VAOSA .