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THE senatorial candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) during the 2015 general polls in Ekiti State, Mr Gbega Olofin, is dead. Olofin died in a motor accident along Owo-Benin road at about 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, while returning to his base in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

He was said to have been travelling alone in his Pathfinder Jeep when the accident happened.

His remains, according to a source, had been deposited at the morgue of Gabriel Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State.

The deceased was in Ekiti for continuation of his political career, where he received some defectors from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in his country home into APC on behalf of the State Working Committee on Thursday.

Olofin, a native of Igede Ekiti, in Irepodun/Ifelodun Local Government, was a university teacher, before he got a job with an oil company while

also handling various consultancy jobs for corporate organisations in the oil sector.

The politician bagged his Bachelor Degree in Chemistry from the University of Ibadan, Oyo State.

The deceased, who was into private business, veered into politics on the platform of the PDP, before defecting to the APC with his political mentor and former governor of the state, Mr Segun Oni, prior to the 2014 governorship elections.

He contested the senatorial election where he was defeated by the candidate of the PDP, Mrs Fatima Raji-Rasaki.

Olofin explored legal option by approaching the election petition tribunal sitting in Ado Ekiti to seek the invalidation of Rasaki's victory, which the court refused.

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