

Ibadan media community mourns death of Fresh FM presenter killed by hit-and-run motorist

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MEDIA personalities, friends, colleagues and family of Fresh FM presenter, Oluwafemi Oluwajobi, on Tuesday, gathered at the Sango cemetery, in Ibadan, to pay last respects to the popular newscaster and programmes presenter, who was hit by a reckless and drunk driver, a few minutes to midnight, on December 31, 2017.

Popularly called Radio Music Dynamite, Oluwafemi, had left his station's premises some minutes to midnight, to join his friends at another venue, when he was mauled by a reckless driver who, after crushing him (Oluwafemi), sped off in a bid to escape and in

the process, allegedly killed another person at the Orita Challenge round-about.

The critically-injured presenter was discovered after a while and rushed to the University Teaching Hospital, where he eventually gave up the ghost.

Sources claimed that the reckless driver was drunk and had killed two people at the Orita express interchange before policemen from Felele police station eventually arrested him.

A candle night procession was organised in the Fresh FM presenter's honour by the Association of Entertainment Stakeholders in Oyo State (AESOS) and Fresh FM, where tributes and prayers were offered at the site of his death. Speaking to the Nigerian Tribune,

the Chairman/CEO of Fresh FM, Dr Yinka Ayefele, expressed sadness at the untimely and shocking death.

"I am still in shock. Femi was like a son to me and we still spoke the day he died about his many plans for 2018. While we cannot question God about this happening, the realisation is that one has to be close to God even more these days."

Ayefele also announced a lifetime salary for the deceased's wife who is presently pregnant and a scholarship for their two-year-old son.

Other colleagues described him as a God fearing, easy going, silent and intelligent young man. His friends said he was an open hearted, humble, hard-working media practitio-

ner and core professional whose life was worthy of emulation.

Meanwhile, many have taken to social media to express condolences and outrage at the killing of Oluwafemi, with many calling on the police and relevant government agencies to treat the case as topmost priority, while also calling for stringent legislation against hit and run or drunk drivers, as the scenarios were becoming more rampant.

Oluwafemi, who only just celebrated his birthday on December 22, was buried on Tuesday at the Sango Cemetery in Ibadan amidst tears and anguish. He is survived by aged parents, siblings, a wife and two year-old son.

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