

Motorcycle rider killed in road accident after defying traffic light in Ekiti

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UNIDENTIFIED commercial motorcycle operator in Ado Ekiti, the capital of Ekiti State was on Wednesday killed after allegedly disobeyed the traffic light.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the incident occurred under the flyover at Okesa area at about 10:38 a.m.,

and caused pandemonium, as mourners surrounded the area to sympathise with the deceased.

The body of the deceased had already been deposited at the morgue of the Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH), Ado Ekiti.

This incident however led to a multiple head-on collisions which caused traffic gridlock on Okesa-Fajuyi road, as the car swerved off

the road and hit a truck at the back.

When newsmen visited the spot, the skull of the deceased had been smashed, and his blood was splattered on the body of the vehicle that killed him.

A police officer, who pleaded anonymity but was stationed by the traffic light located at Okesa junction to control vehicular movement, said the commercial

bike operator was run over by the green colour space wagon marked Lagos FF 188 APP, after riding against traffic light.

The officer said the motorcycle operator was coming from Okesa-Oluyemi Kayode stadium road on top speed, and rode into the road despite being stopped by red light indicator from the traffic light pole.

He said: "Those coming

from the stadium road had been passed by the light but the motorcycle rider was coming on a high speed. Before he got to the traffic light, those coming from Fajuyi area down to Okesa had been passed by the light.

"Instead of him to obey the red light that had stopped those coming from his side, he decided to circumvent it and rode into the road.

"The man that was driving

the car had already moved and unexpectedly, the motorcyclist rode into him, causing the car driver to overrun him.

"We rushed there to save him but he died instantly and the body was taken to the mortuary."

An eyewitness revealed to journalists that the driver immediately fled the scene upon realising that the motorcyclist had died.