

Ondo SSG dies days after involvement in auto crash

• Tinubu, Makinde, Sanwo-Olu, Abiodun mourn

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THE Secretary to the Ondo State Government (SSG), Mr Tayo Oluwatuyi, is dead.

Oluwatuyi died in the early hours of Saturday after battling with injury sustained in a road accident on December 15, 2024, while traveling to Ibadan, Oyo State capital.

The former Chairman of Akure South Local Government and Commissioner for Local government and Chieftaincy Affairs was said to have passed away on Saturday at an undisclosed hospital.

Oluwatuyi was appointed as SSG by Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa on January 24, 2024 and played a crucial role in the state government, working closely with the governor and other top officials in the state.

The news of Oluwatuyi's passing has sent shockwaves through the Ondo State government and community, and an official statement from the government is awaited.

In a statement signed by the Commissioner for Information

& Orientation, Otunba Wale Akinlosotu, said "It is with profound sadness that the Government of Ondo State announces the passing of Hon. Temitayo Oluwatuyi, Secretary to the State Government (SSG), on January 4, 2025.

"He was involved in a ghastly car accident on Sunday, 15th December, 2024, while traveling to Ibadan and was subsequently hospitalised.

"Oluwatuyi was a dedicated public servant whose unwavering commitment to administrative coordination, policy advisory, and implementation had a significant impact on Ondo State.

"He served with distinction and played a crucial role in the state government, working closely with the Governor and other top officials of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

"Having served government in various capacities, including as Chairman of Akure South local government, Commissioner and twice as SSG, Hon. Oluwatuyi will forever be remembered for his invaluable

contributions to the development of Ondo State.

"The Government of Ondo State extends its deepest condolences to the Oluwatuyi family of Akure, friends, and associates during this difficult time"

Akinlosotu said further details regarding memorial arrangements of the late SSG will be shared as they become available.

Meanwhile, President Bola Tinubu on Saturday commiserated with the government of Ondo State over the death of Oluwatuyi.

The president condoled with Oluwatuyi's family, friends and associates.

Gov. Seyi Makinde of Oyo State described the death of the Oluwatuyi, as "painful and shocking".

This is contained in a statement issued on Saturday in Ibadan by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Media, Dr Sulaimon Olanrewaju.

Makinde, while expressing his condolences to Ondo State Governor, Mr Lucky Aiyedatiwa, on the demise of the

SSG, encouraged him and the family of the deceased to be strong and courageous.

Governor Sanwo-Olu, in a statement issued by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Mr. Gboyega Akosile, sympathised with the Ondo State Governor, Hon. Lucky Aiyedatiwa; the Ondo State Government; and the people of the State over the demise of the SSG.

Sanwo-Olu described the late Oluwatuyi, a former Chairman of Akure South Local Government Area and SSG to the late former Governor Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, as a dedicated and hard-working public servant who served his State and the people passionately.

Also, Governor Dapo Abiodun of Ogun State commiserated with the government and people of Ondo State over the passing of Oluwatuyi.

Abiodun, in a condolence letter to Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa, described Oluwatuyi's death as a great loss to the state and prayed for the repose of his soul.