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A correspondent of the *News Agency of Nigeria* in Kwara State, Mr. Olushola Owolabi, has died in an auto crash.

He died on Sunday night after the car he was driving had an accident along Offa Garage Road, Ilorin.

Our correspondent gathered on Monday that the car, a metallic Blue Honda 'Bulldog' Wagon, somersaulted many times after a tyre burst.

Owolabi, an indigene of Ogbomoso in Oyo State, was rushed to two private hospitals in Ilorin for treatment by some Good Samaritans.

The victim was however rejected by the hospitals due to the severity of the injuries he sustained.

He was later taken to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, where he died at the hospital's emergency unit.

Until his death, the deceased was the Assistant Secretary, Nigeria Union of Journalists, Kwara State Correspondents' Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, three children and aged parents. His father, Pa. Sam Ojelabi, Secretary of the Council of NUJ and an active member of the National League of Veteran State branch.

He was interred after a service at Ona Igbala Baptist Church, opposite Aviation College, Ilorin.

The Kwara State Council of NUJ in a statement by its Chairman, Mr. Biodun Abdulkareem Bisi Adedayo, as well the state's Correspondents' chapel's Chairman and Secretary, Mr. L. Mr. Biola Azeez respectively, said Owolabi's untimely demise was shocking and heart-brea-

It described the deceased as a humane, gentle, industrious, generous journalist and an active member of the union who contributed immensely to the growth of the union.



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