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Speaker's police aide shoots colleague to death

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Speaker, Osun State House of Assembly, Honourable Najeem Salaam

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One of the security aides to the Speaker of the Osun State House of Assembly, identified simply as Idowu, has shot his colleague, Olubunmi, to death.

Our correspondent gathered that the incident happened at Ika in Ejigbo Local Government Area where the Speaker, Najeem Salam, had gone to attend a party.

Sources at the party told our correspondent on Tuesday that the incident happened on Saturday after the Speaker had gone to bed.

It was learnt that the deceased stayed back at the party after his principal had left and his attempt to make peace among some youths who were engaged in a fight led to his death.

The deceased, it was gathered, saw some youths fighting and made an attempt to settle the quarrel, but some hoodlums attacked him.

Olubunmi, who was said to be unarmed, was said to have called his friend for help.

On arriving at the scene of the incident, Idowu who was armed was said to have shot into the air to scare away the hoodlums. But the bullet mistakenly hit his colleague on the head and he died instantly.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Folasade Odo, could not be reached for comment as calls put across to her phone indicated that it was not reachable.

However, the media aide to the Speaker, Mr. Goke Butika, confirmed the incident, describing it as unfortunate.

He said the incident happened last Saturday at about 11.30pm.

He said, "The deceased was the best friend of the police officer who mistakenly shot him. He actually went to the scene of the crisis with the aim of preventing the crisis from escalating and in an attempt to shoot into the air to scare away the hoodlums, he mistakenly shot his friend.

"The Speaker has received the news of the ugly incident and the police are already investigating the matter."

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