

Osun ND holder killed by police stray bullet had big plans –Cousin

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•The late Saheed

Saheed Olabomi, a 30-year-old holder of National Diploma, was reportedly shot by a riot policeman in Osogbo last Tuesday. After over two days in the Intensive Care Unit of Osun State University Teaching Hospital, Osogbo, he eventually gave up the ghost. Cousin of the deceased, Adewale Olabomi, tells BOLA BAMIGBOLA about the mood of the family

Who are you to Saheed Olabomi, who was reportedly shot by a riot policeman in Osogbo?

He is my cousin. We were very close. I was one of those that saw him last before he was shot. He was married and had two children, a boy and girl. He has been buried.

How is the family taking the incident?

The family of the deceased is distraught. We are devastated. It was an incident that would be difficult to forget because of the person Saheed was.

What was Saheed's position in the family?

He was the last child of his parents. Both parents are still alive. But he was like the breadwinner. He was just about 30 years old. He had big dreams. He was not the richest but he happened to be kind. He was particularly close to his mother.

How did the parents take the news?

The mother was told on Friday evening and immediately we did, her health deteriorated. We had to immediately rush her to a hospital. That will be the second time she would be hospitalised in the last five days.

What about the wife of the deceased?

Her name is Balikis Adeola Olabomi. She was also rushed to hospital yesterday, but she is back home now.

While Saheed was at the Intensive Care Unit in the UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital, Osogbo, what was going through your mind?

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He was on life support for over two days. At a point, the oxygen was removed, but when his breathing became irregular, the thing was returned. I had hoped he was going to recover. Sincerely, he had big plans. At a point, I thought he was going to make it.

What were some of his plans?

He planned to relocate to Osogbo. He told me he was looking for an accommodation. He wanted to move to Osogbo and expand his business. He was into produce buying. The day he died, he slept in my house. When we woke in the morning, he told me he was going to Osogbo and he left.

But didn't you feel any strange sign that danger was lurking around Saheed?

No one can cheat death. Once the time has come to go, no one can stop it. I am a herbalist. I didn't see anything. Even Saheed, I can't say he saw anything. He didn't tell me he saw anything. He didn't look like someone about to die. It will be difficult to recover from this shocking incident.

What are the demands of the family?

The Aragbiji of Iragbiji has plans for his children. He will talk on behalf of the family. He owns all of us.