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Childless Nigerian Couple Crushed To Death

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It was a black weekend as a childless man and his wife who both work with the Lagos State Government were crushed to death by a truck at Ogere area on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Ogun State, southwest Nigeria.

The couple, Mr. Rotimi Olugbuyi and Mrs Toyin Olugbuyi, were returning from Ibadan in their personal car to their Mowe home around 5:30 p.m. on Saturday when the incident occurred.

It was gathered that the husband and wife, who were in their 40s, were Public Relations Officers, PROs, at the Lagos State Ministry of Information and attached to other ministries to handle their publicity matters.



•The late couple, Mr. and Mrs. Olugbuyi

P.M.NEWS gathered that the car being driven by Olugbuyi had a burst tyre in motion and somersaulted to the other side of the road where a fast moving truck heading to Ibadan crushed them to death.

Their remains were gathered by officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps and taken to their Ogere office.

The FRSC officials were said to have called the contact they saw in the identity cards of the couple, which led to their easy identification.

A staff of the Lagos State Government, who craved anonymity, told *P.M.NEWS* that "they have been married for 13 years but did not have any child. Rotimi and Toyin are very nice people that is why many PROs came to the burial."

Sources said Mrs Olugbuyi was three months pregnant when the incident happened.

Rotimi was said to be a community leader in Mowe and many of his colleagues came for the burial and wailed as the couple's remains were being lowered into the grave."

While Rotimi was said to be a level 13 officer, the wife, Toyin was a level 10 officer.

Rotimi was the PRO of the Lagos State Scholarship Board, while Toyin was the PRO of the Lagos State Judicial Service Commission. There was weeping and wailing at the deceased residence at Church Avenue, Mowe where they were buried in their home in the same grave on Sunday evening.

Several of their colleagues from the Lagos State Government Secretariat were at the burial to

pay their last respects to the deceased, whom they described as good people, loving and officers highly dedicated to their duty. A staff of the Lagos State Scholarship Board, who craved anonymity, said "Rotimi was a kind man. I saw him on Friday. It is a sad situation."

Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Aderemi Ibirogba, lamented the loss of two of his staff, saying it was quite shocking and comiserated with families of the deceased.

—Kazeem Ugbodaga

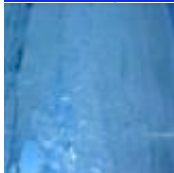


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