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## Globacom's Topshot Killed in Police, Robbers Gun Duel

By Efem Nkanga, 11.24.2008

The Chief Operating Officer of Glo Broad Access, Mr Martins Olusola Olowonihi is dead.

THISDAY gathered that Olowonihi died from gun shot wounds sustained from a cross fire between the police and armed robbers on Adeola Odeku street, Victoria Island on Friday. Olowonihi was said to have left his office to see if he could render help when sound of gun shots was heard from the premises of a new generation bank across the road.

He was just between the bank and the another bank a few meters away when a stray bullet hit him on the head. He gave up the ghost some hours later at the Ayinke hospital in Ikeja. He was said to have been first rushed to the Reddington Hospital in Victoria Island, before he was referred to the Lagoon hospital because of the brain hemorrhage resulting from the wound to his head.

Described as very humble, humane, kind and soft spoken, Olowonihi before his death was Chief Operating Officer of Glo Broad Access, the fixed line arm of Globacom. He was before the appointment as COO, the company's Zonal Manager North 1, Abuja.

Olowonihi was responsible for the rollout of Globacom's fixed line network across the country. He brought his wealth of experience to bear on the network's plans to revolutionise the country's underdeveloped fixed telephony. He oversaw the launch of fixed line services by Globacom to boost the pursuit of its goal to become a one-stop telecommunications solutions provider.

Olowonihi joined Globacom in July 2005 as regional manager, sales, and was in 2007 promoted to head, Business Solutions, with responsibility for starting up the business unit and overseeing the sale of the revolutionary Blackberry services and specialised solutions to Nigerian corporates.

Before taking up appointment with Globacom, Olowonihi was Divisional Sales manager, Promasidor Nigeria Limited from 2004 to July 2005. Other positions held are Regional Sales manager, Promasidor, 1997 to 2004; Sales Manager, SmithKline Beecham Plc 1996 to 1997 and Sales Representative, Sterling Health 1992 to 1995. He holds a B.Sc. degree in Biochemistry of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA).

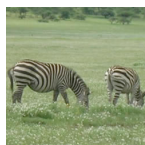
The goal to achieve the larger project of networking Nigeria, was a passion he pursued in Globacom. He believed in the fibre Optic option to transmit voice and data at light speed as opposed to satellite and microwave transmission mediums offered by other telecommunications companies cause according to him the optic fibre has a much faster transmission of data, voice and broadband internet and multimedia services over a range of frequencies.

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