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Akure—THE 79-year-old Prime Minister of Akure Kingdom, Ondo State, Chief James Olusoga, reportedly lost his life on his way to Abuja, weekend, to process his pension alongside Prince Tunde Adesida and a lawyer, Segun Olubola.

The accident occurred at Kwali, Federal Capital Territory, FCT, Abuja.

Olusoga, who is next in rank to the traditional ruler of Akure, Oba Aladetoyinbo Aladelusi, was a former Director in the Ministry of Works and Special Adviser to the Ondo State Government on Infrastructure.

The deceased has reportedly not received his pension since he retired over a decade ago from Federal Government services.

The deceased was installed the *Olisa* of Akureland seven years ago after his predecessor, Chief Folorunso Davies, was deposed by Oba Adesina Adepoju.

The Secretary of Olisa /Ogelemodu Dynasty, Tayo Abisola, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Akure, yesterday.

According to him, "the *Olisa* left Akure for Abuja on Sunday for a meeting on his pension to be held on Monday (yesterday).

"There was a serious accident on the road in Kwali Mathematical Centre and Baba passed on. Three of them died in the accident. I leaned that a truck hit them from behind and they died instantly."

He said the family of the deceased would miss his generosity and passion for the development of the kingdom.

Abisola noted that the late Olisa was the one that single-handedly refurbished the Olisa palace in the state capital.

He said: "The vacuum created by his death would be difficult to fill as he was the unifying factor among the chiefs and his family members."

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