Osun police probe Offa poly graduate's death

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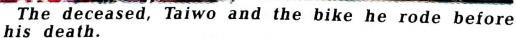
Police Command yesterday, said it has commenced investigation into the death of 24 years old Taiwo Kajogbola allegedly knocked down by a police patrol vehicle at Osunjela.

It was gathered that Taiwo, an ND graduate of the Federal Polytechnic Offa, Kwara State, was returning from Ilesa, where he went to visit his mother when the incident occurred few kilometres from Osogbo, the state capital, last Sunday.

It was gathered that the deceased refused to stop at a police checkpoint when he was flagged down but was hit from behind while the police chased him.

Confirming the incident, the deceased's elder brother,





Azeez Kajogbola, said Taiwo was left in the pool of his blood after he was hit by the police vehicle chasing him.

He said: "Attempts to save him was futile as he died before he could be taken to the hospital. He was buried on Monday in conjunction with Islamic rites.

"It was painful but what is the essence of reporting the case to the police, he was knocked down by a police patrol vehicle. Where will justice come from?

"He was even fasting at the time of the incident. He went to Ilesa to deliver foodstuff to our parents not knowing that he would not live to break his fast for the day."

However, the Police Public Relations Officer, Yemisi Opalola, said the Commissioner of Police, Olawale Olokode, has directed that the matter be thoroughly investigated in the interest of justice.

She said a team is presently studying the material before it to ensure that anyone caught culpable is made to face the wrath of the law.