

Ex-BBNaija housemate, Rico Swavey, dies after auto crash • As fellow housemates mourn

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LAGOS—FORMER Big Brother Naija housemates of 'Double Wahala' Season 3 were, yesterday, thrown into mourning as they lost one of their own, Patrick Fakoya, popularly known as Rico Swavey to the cold hands of death.

Swavey, who was one of the 20 housemates during the Season 3 edition of the reality TV show, was involved in an auto crash last Tuesday in Lagos and had been on life support since then before his eventual demise yesterday.

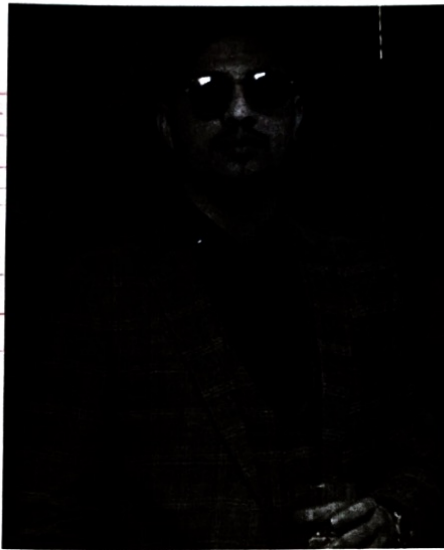
His fellow ex-BBNaija housemate, Alex Asogwa, who broke the sad news on his Twitter handle, said: "This was not what we agreed on, Rico. Rest in peace."

Also, Tobi Bakre shared the sad news on his Instagram page with the display of a picture of the deceased and himself.

Bakre, who had gone online soliciting funds to resuscitate Rico Swavey while on life support, wrote: "This is how I will remember us brother. Forever! #RipSwavey."

"Boy Tomato! Swavey! This one passed me. I don't have the strength."

Some other celebrities and former housemates of the Big Brother Naija reality show also



The late Rico Swavey.

took to the comment section of Bakre's post to pay their tribute.

Daniella Peters wrote, "Rest on Rico." Tayo Faniran said: "May his soul rest in peace." Ike Onyema wrote: "My sincere condolences man." Actor Femi Adebayo said: "So sad."

Also, ex-housemate,

Chukwemeka Okoye, popularly known as "Prodd", wrote: "This still doesn't feel real. I don't know how to feel, it is not possible Rico is dead."

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Ex-BBNaija star Ozo wrote: "Rest in peace Rico, May God grant your soul peace. My prayers are with your family at this very difficult time," while Khloe wrote: "You see this thing called LIFE! I'm done with it. God, why? This is so unfair."

Also reacting to Swavey's demise, Nina went emotional, while describing the deceased as "too perfect, supportive, and a very good friend."

She wrote: "Rico are you really gone? I mean what if he is just sleeping? I have not felt this way in a very long time. How are you dead Rico? Rico you were just too perfect, very supportive, and a very good friend. I cannot believe that I won't be seeing your random messages on my Snapchat, I feel so sad and devastated. My hands are shaking as I type this. I will miss you so much Rico, My twinny! On God I will miss you, it's so hard to type it but May Your Soul Rest In perfect peace."

Another ex-housemate, Ifu-Ennada, described the deceased as "a great friend who was never envious of anybody. So many beautiful memories... He was a great friend to me and many others. Rico had the best songs and I loved them... I was always rooting for him and he rooted for me."

"He'd call or text to check on me, my business and how I was doing. All he wanted was peace and progress. He was never envious, was always content and stayed optimistic... He was always so careful and attentive. Everything still feels like a dream."

Swavey died hours after his management announced that he was on life support as his situation was critical and doctors were battling to save his life. But unfortunately, BBNaija star did not make it.

The deceased became famous after participating in the Season 3 'Double Wahala' edition of the Big Brother Naija reality tv show in 2018. The grand prize of N45 million was won by Miracle with Tobi emerging as the first runner-up followed by Alex and Nina.

Born in 1993, Rico Swavey was a lawyer, social media influencer, artiste and actor. The Law graduate of Babcock University was also into music until he got into the Big Brother Naija Season 3, "Double Wahala" house.

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