CISLAC moans the Death of Patriotic Nigerian and Development Activist

It is with profound sadness that Civil Society Legislative Advocacy (CISLAC) mourns the tragic death of Nigerian renowned writer, leading democratic activist, Professor Festus Iyayi, whose vehicle was crushed on Tuesday’s morning by the convoy of Kogi Governor between Auchi and Lokoja highway on his way to the national congress organized by Academic Staff Union of University in Kano.

CISLAC has no hesitation to state that the decease was a famous university don, who has contributed to the radical and sometimes tough stance on social and political issues. He employed a realistic style of writing, depicting the social, political and moral environment and system both the rich and poor live and work in.

While serving as the Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of University (ASUU), he has contributed tremendously to save education from total collapse. His contribution towards the nation education development would forever be celebrated.

Before his death, Prof. Iyayi who was a renowned resource person to CISLAC for several years has joined CISLAC to push for series of legislative related matters, primarily for the nation development.

Apart from legislative issues, he was a resource person to CISLAC on Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI)’s to assess the implementation of the NEITI Act and Process.

CISLAC regrets that apart from in recent times, the dreadful nature of Nigeria’s roads has claimed the lives of several activists such Chima Ubani, a renowned activist who had passed on in a motor crash on his way from Maiduguri where he had, as one of the leaders of the civil society, participated in a sensitisation rally organised by the labour movement to resist the plan by the Nigerian state to increase the cost of petroleum products and make life more miserable for the toiling poor masses of the country.

CISLAC bemoans reckless use of political hoodlums, who constitute convoy of all level of government and drive in an unjustified manner on the highways; and recommends immediate check on the use of political convoys in the country.

CISLAC also enjoys all level of governments to pay adequate attention to the nature of Nigeria’s roads to avoid continuous loss of innocent lives.