

Woman crushed by train in Lagos

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A 57-year-old woman, Debořah Olufunmilayo, was yesterday crushed to death by a moving passenger train in Tabontabon area of Agege local government area of Lagos State.

The incident occurred at about 6.45am when Mrs. Olufunmilayo was returning from a church vigil she attended the previous night.

According to eyewitness, the woman, a resident of 15, Coker Street Agege was said to have fallen down on the rail track when she was about to cross to the adjoining street to continue her journey.

It was further gathered that unluckily for her, it was at this time that an Iddo, Lagos Mainland-bound passenger train, coming from Agbado-Crossing in Ifo local

government area of Ogun State was approaching and she could not stand up before the train met her and cut her into two parts.

The eyewitness said further that the woman would have been rescued by people around before the train reached her but none of them could summon courage to do so, for fear of being trapped by the train, said to be on high speed. *Daily Champion* was told that a small Bible and a N5 note was recovered from the scene before her relatives came.

"The train met the woman at the spot where she fell. She was struggling to stand up before the train reached her but she found it difficult to do so" said an eyewitness, who simply identified himself as Ifeanyi. He added that: "When we got to the spot shortly after, parts of her mangled body were

shaking and it was like I should bind them back together. But something struck my mind that such would amount to madness," he said.

When *Daily Champion* visited the scene at about 1.30pm, the mangled body of the woman said to be a native of Abeokuta, Ogun State, was still at the spot. The train cut her into two parts from the belly. Many people, mostly passers-by were also seen trying to catch a glimpse of her mangled body.

Her relatives, including two of her children came to remove the remains at about 2.40pm after obtaining a police report from the Railway Police Station, Agege, where the matter was earlier reported. They were short of words.

One of children, who is said to be a popular home video artiste, said the incident was a rude shock to them.