

Man found dead near rail track in Abuja

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An unidentified man was on Wednesday found dead by the rail line near a bridge, off Abuja-Kubwa expressway in Kubwa, a suburb of Abuja.

Our reporter, who visited the scene Wednesday afternoon, saw the corpse covered with leaves lying by the rail line.

Witnesses said the man might have been knocked down by a train that arrived in Abuja from

Kaduna, around 8pm on Tuesday.

One of the rail line workers simply identified as Haruna told City & Crime that no one was aware of the incident until yesterday (Wednesday) morning when they embarked on the usual daily checks around the rail tracks.

"We saw him laying down dead with some bruises on his face and in fairly neat clothes. There are about three sachets of moimoi scattered around him,"

Haruna said.

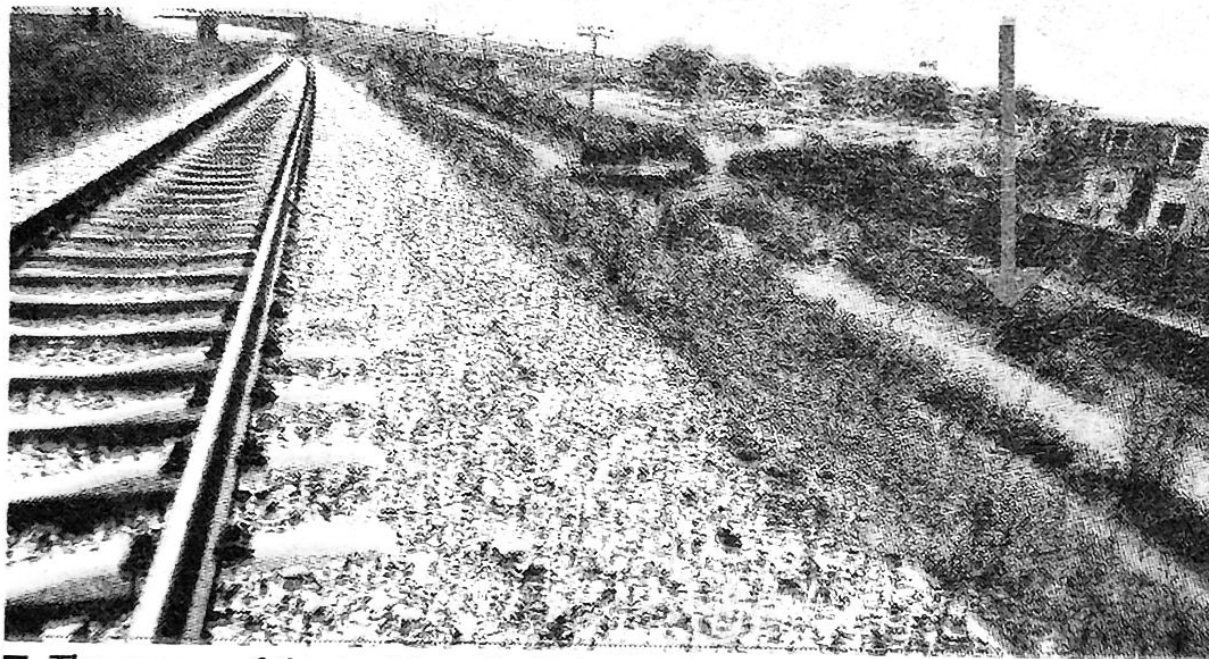
Another person, who spoke said his body was intact.

"The story could be different if he was working directly on the rail line because he would have been crushed," he added.

City & Crime further learnt that the deceased had worked with noodle outfits near the accident scene but officials in the firm said that he was no longer their staff.

Our reporter learnt that there is no arrangement for depositing people killed by train in the hospital morgue as is the case with road accident victims, who officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps usually took responsibility for.

"Usually, the body of the victim would remain here, until his people come to claim it, but in the case of this man, no one is familiar with him, and no mobile phone on him with which to trace his family," a witness added.



■ The scene of the incident in Kubwa. The deceased covered with leaves