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Mob descends on forklift operator as drum of armoured cable kills passerby

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An angry mob, at the weekend, swooped on a forklift operator in the Ojo area of Lagos after a drum of armoured cable he was said to be transloading from a container fell on a passerby, killing the victim on the spot.

The forklift operator was

almost lynched by the angry mob, if not for the prompt arrival of some policemen from Ilemba Hausa Police Station.

The policemen came following a distress call that was received at the station about the incident.

It was learnt that the mob almost set the entire warehouse on fire, after

efforts to get the forklift operator handed over to them was rebuffed by the owner of the cable.

The yet-to-be identified young man was confirmed dead in an undisclosed hospital where he was rushed to.

A vulcanizer who is said to have witnessed the incident described it as

callousness on the part of the owner of the consignment and the forklift operator.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, who confirmed the incident, said the matter was reported at the Ilemba Hausa Police Station by the manager of an electrical enterprise dealing in armoured cables.