Crane kills Two At Apapa Shipyard

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Two persons, identified as Peter Obasi and Roland, and believed to be workers of the Continental Shipyard in Apapa, Lagos, were crushed to death by a faulty crane at the company's premises.

The incident, which reportedly

occurred on Wednesday evening, was said to have happened when the crane brought to off-load a dredger from a vessel at the shipyard suddenly dropped what it was carrying, crushing the two workers to death instantly.

A source disclosed that despite

the fact that the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) had warned the management of the company not to use the crane again, the advice was ignored and the machine was used in the evening when the port officials had closed for the day. It was further revealed that the management of the company had prevented the staff of the company from presenting their grievances to

the members of the House

who visited the shipyard during the on-going tour of maritime parastatals in Lagos.

It was also gathered that the management of the company even threathened to sack any worker who revealed the incident to the press, thinking it has been concealed.

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However, the company's spokesman, Mr. Saliu Ahmed declined comment on the issue when contacted.