

Concrete mixer machine kills man

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IT was a bizarre experience last Tuesday at the yard of Setraco Construction Company Nigeria Limited in Bomadi town, Bomadi Local Government Area, Delta State when a concrete mixing machine strangled one of its operators, Mr. Saidu Suleiman, to death.

The deceased, who hails from Okpella town in Etsako East Local Government Area of Edo state was aged 25 and

was a father of two before he met his tragic death.

One of the company's staff, who witnessed the incident (names withheld), said trouble started when the late Suleiman was operating the concrete cement mixer at about 2:30pm and discovered that the machine was no longer functioning.

The company's source said after Suleiman had fixed the machine, he was trying to inspect if the water supply to the concrete mixer was functioning well, as he stretched his face into the

opening of the machine; his face got stocked and the machine instantly strangled him to death.

The source noted that the late Suleiman had severally complained to the management of Setraco about the aging machine and the difficulties in operating it but the management did not listen.

Sources said the company lacks safety management skills. Efforts by our correspondent to contact the management of Setraco for comments were abortive as

he was told that the company does not relate with the media and directed the correspondent to get details from the Nigeria Police, Bomadi.

A senior Police source in Bomadi, who also pleaded anonymity, said investigations were on to ascertain the cause of the death of Mr. Suleiman.

The body of late Suleiman which was earlier deposited at the General Hospital, Bomadi, has been moved to Okpella town for Muslim burial rites.