

ACCIDENT: 2 Die As Trailer, Train Collide In Lagos

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At least two persons identified as Saka Nagim and Segun Adebambo have died after a trailer collided with a train on Monday night in Agege area of Lagos State.

Our correspondent gathered that the incident occurred around 8:45pm when the driver of the trailer wanted to drive through the rail line even with the deafening horn of the approaching train.

Witnesses said there was a deafening bang as the trailer, with the registration number YOBK PKM 180 XA, collided with the train sparking a pandemonium in the densely populated area as people scampered to safety.

It was further learnt that the two persons who were hanging on to the train were said to have fallen off and died immediately due to the sudden collision with the train by the trailer.

The accident led to extreme traffic gridlock in Agege and its environs as motorists spent over four hours navigating through the area. Motorists who got wind of the accident through listening to the Lagos State Traffic Radio took alternative routes to avert being caught in the gridlock.

It took several hours before the police, officers of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and others could remove the train and the trailer

from the road to allow other motorists to pass.

By yesterday, residents still gathered in the area with people discussing the accident while the trailer was impounded and parked in front of the Railway Police Station.

Confirming the tragic incident, the general manager, LASEMA, Michael Akindele, said the two persons hanging on the train lost their lives when they fell off on impact.

He gave the name of the deceased as Saka Nagim and Segun Adebambo, just as he appealed to Lagosians to value their lives and stopped hanging on trains.

Akindele said the train was coming from Ikeja while the trailer coming from Okekoto towards Pen Cinema wanted to push through the rail line before the train ramped on it.