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Lagos boxing champion dies in swimming pool

A medalist in the boxing event at the just-concluded Ibile Games, Mujib Philips, yesterday died in the swimming pool at the Mobolaji Johnson Sports Centre, Rowe Park in Yaba, Lagos.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that Philips died during the Boxing Hall of Fame championship event which takes place every last Saturday of the month.

Philips won a gold medal at the Ibile Games, hosted by the Lagos State Government to showcase talented athletes in Local Governments Areas in the state.

The boxer was confirmed dead by the medical doctor in charge of the Lagos State Sports Council, Dr Akin George, who also invited the state's emergency ambulance service, LASAMBUS.

"The body of the deceased would be taken to the appropriate place for a post-mortem examination to determine the cause of his death," George said.

The Manager of the swim-

ming pool, Rahaman Fadugba, said that he was not around when the boxer came to the pool.

He disclosed, however, that security guards had challenged Philips, when the medalist came to the pool side.

"I was told the security guards challenged him at the gate and he told them that he was one of the boxers for the Hall of Fame event and a Lagos State champion.

"I ordered some of the divers at the swimming pool, who then went under the water and brought his body out from the water immediately. I sent for the doctor," Fadugba said

One of the divers, Idowu Ephanus, said that the deceased jumped into the deepest part of the pool around 3:30 p.m. and it was later discovered that his body was not found on the water.

"We immediately jumped inside the water and brought him out and immediately invited the doctor to the sports centre who on arrival certified him dead," Ephanus said

tre, Lagos.

Idowu disclosed that the media category of the award has been expanded from two to four in response to the clamours from the Sports Journalists.

Villa undergoes medical ahead of MLS move

ATLETICO Madrid striker David Villa is undergoing a medical in Manchester ahead of a move to New York City FC, Goal understands.

The 32-year-old arrived at the Bridgewater Hospital in Moss Side on Saturday and is in England to complete contract negotiations with Manchester City's Major League Soccer franchise.

Prior to his marquee switch to New York City FC, whose season will start next March, Villa will be able to train with City's first team but will not make an appearance for Manuel Pellegrini's side.

Villa scored 13 goals in 36 Primera Division appearances for Atletico Madrid this term and has been named in Vicente del Bosque's final Spain squad for this summer's World Cup.