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The Plateau State government on Monday announced that Azi died on Friday, in a motor accident.

The Governor, Mr Simon Lalong, in a statement in Jos, described Azi's death as "very shocking".

"I received the news of the sudden demise of the newly sworn-in Management Committee Chairman of Jos East Local Government Council, with great

Dr Hosea Azi, with great shock," Lalong said in the statement signed by his Director of Press Affairs, Mr

Emmanuel Nanle.

The statement explained that Azi died in an accident on his way to Abuja, when the vehicle he was travelling in, rammed into a stationary truck resulting in the death of the chairman and two others.

The **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** reports that Azi was sworn in to replace Mr Sanda Daura, who was removed from office, "in response to the yearnings of the people of Jos East."

Lalong described Azi as an astute politician and an academic of repute, who was appointed into government to provide the needed people-oriented leadership.

having garnered experience as a member of the Plateau House of Assembly.