Train crushes lecturer to death

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A young man identified as Ibrahim Mohammed Tenimu, was on Saturday night crushed to death by a mass transit train speeding to Minna from Akere in Niger State.

The train was returning from Akere where state government officials, including Governor Babangida Aliyu, had gone to visit communities ravaged by ecological disasters when the incident happened.

As the people of the community were screaming following the incident, the train dragged the remains of Tenimu and the motorcycle on which he was riding for about 200 metres before it stopped.

Tenimu had taken his brother, Shaba, to the Kpakungu area of Minna, the state capital when the incident happened.

Shaba, who had just disembarked from the motorcycle before the tragedy occurred, wept profusely as he went to identify the body.

Speaking in an interview with our correspondent, Shaba said, "He is my brother; I was the person he brought here. He was a lecturer at the Niger State College of Education in the Department of Education."