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March 29, 2012 by Eniola Akinkuotu

A female employee (name withheld) of Odi-Olowo Local Council Development Area, Lagos on Wednesday afternoon

died after falling off an elevator located on the premises of the headquarters of the West African Examinations Council, Yaba.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the incident occurred due to an elevator malfunction on the top floor of the building.

According to police reports, the deceased had attempted to step out of the elevator which had stopped midway between two floors when she suddenly fell into the shaft and died from the impact of the fall.

The spokesperson for WAEC, Mr. Yusuf Ari, who confirmed the incident in a statement, said all effort to save the life of the deceased proved abortive due to the severity of the injury she sustained.

He said, “The unfortunate incident involved a visitor who fell into the shaft of one of the office lifts. The victim was quickly rescued and rushed to the WAEC Staff Clinic in Yaba for initial treatment, before being transferred to the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi, where he was again referred to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital.

“Unfortunately, these spirited efforts failed and the victim passed on while being conveyed to LUTH.

“Meanwhile, the incident has been reported to the Nigeria Police Force and investigations are being carried out.”

Similarly, the spokesperson for the state police command, Mr. Joseph Jaiyeoba, told our correspondent on the telephone that the identity of the deceased could not be immediately verified but added that investigations were ongoing.

He said, “The incident occurred around 1pm on Wednesday. We don’t know her identity yet but we can confirm that she was an employee of Odi-Olowo LGA. Investigations are ongoing.”

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