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# Bees sting bulldozer driver to death

August 9, 2012 by Emmanuel Addeh, Warri

Tragedy struck at Setraco Road construction site in Ogboin-ama community, Bomadi Local Government Area, Delta State, on Wednesday when a bulldozer operator was stung to death by bees.

The victim, Mr. Samuel Onuabuchi, had been working with the company for about five years before his death.

The deceased, a father of four, who hailed from Anambra State, was felling and evacuating trees and debris at the site from Ogboin-ama to Akugbene community around 2pm when the bees attacked him.

A source, who did not want his name mentioned, said there was nothing the deceased's co-workers could do because of the large number of the rampaging bees.

The source said, "Though he tried to run, the ferocity of the bees was so much that he fell down and was pleading for help, but nobody could get close for fear of being attacked too.

"The attack reportedly weakened him as he was already gasping for breath before we could go near him."

It was learnt that by the time Onuabuchi's co-workers got to him, he was already unconscious and could not speak.

Onuabuchi, 44, was immediately rushed to the General Hospital, Bomadi, where he reportedly gave up the ghost a few hours later.

When contacted, a top management employee of the company, who pleaded anonymity described the incident as "shocking."

“Michael would be missed for his commitment and dedication to whatever job he was given,” he said.

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• *adeola* August 9, 2012 at 5:35 am

what a horror!it is only our lord that can rescue us in time of trouble.differents inccident claiming lifes .may d lord take care of d deceased childrenS & wife.lord help us oooooo.

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• *G man* August 9, 2012 at 6:51 am

May his soul rest in peace

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- *Eyen* August 9, 2012 at 8:02 am

Very pathetic, wat name do cal dis accident? man made or natural? May his hard working soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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- *@realnamdosky* August 9, 2012 at 8:15 am

The construction company lacks proper HSE guidelines. Setraco is too big not to have measures to curb emergencies. May his soul Rml.P

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- *kennyboy* August 9, 2012 at 12:12 pm

Setraco must definitely pay heavily for its laxity in using an unprotected operator's cabin on the Bulldozer. Modern Bulldozers and other earth-moving heavy-duty tractors come with transparent fibre/glass protected operator cabins to ensure a controlled working environment (acceptable noise level, air conditioned and centrally coordinated unit)

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*Mercy* August 9, 2012 at 12:54 pm

To be frank i still don't understand the meaning of the incident, could it be that the owners of the land sent the bees? i refused to believe that it was natural bees, im suspecting black power. May his soul rest in peace, amen.

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• *Fami* August 9, 2012 at 8:15 pm

Mercy, there you go again- suspicion! Eh! True African woman or girl?



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


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