

Police probe death of Lagos trader crushed by train

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THE police in Lagos have begun an investigation into the death of a man believed to be a trader who was crushed to death by a train.

The tragedy occurred in The Arena Shopping Mall, Oshodi area of the state on Saturday when the train crushed the 50-year-old man identified simply as Emmanuel to death.

The deceased's sister, whose name was not given, informed the

police that she received a phone call around 9 am, alerting her that her older brother had been fatally struck by the moving train.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the Lagos State Command, Benjamin Hundeyin, in a statement on Sunday, confirmed that the Mosafejo Division of the command was notified of the incident around 1:33 p.m. The police immediately dispatched a team of detectives to the scene.

"The scene was visited and photographed by a team of

detectives," Hundeyin said, adding, "The corpse was evacuated to a public morgue for autopsy."

Hundeyin further confirmed that the case had been transferred to the Railway Police Command in Ebute Metta for further investigation.

The exact circumstances surrounding the accident are still unclear. However, a similar incident was recorded in the Mushin area of the state in August when a male adult was crushed to death by a moving train.

The incident was said to have occurred around 6 pm on the fateful day while the deceased was walking along the Cappa railway tracks.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency in a statement signed by its spokesman, Nosa Okunbor, said the victim was found dead at the scene with severe injuries sustained from the collision.

Okunbor added that the man was confirmed to have died instantly due to the impact of the crash.