Tears as train crushes man to death in Lagos

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Barely 10 days after a train crushed a man to death in the Oshodi area of Lagos State, another yet-to-be-identified man was crushed to death by a moving train in the Ikeja area of the state on Monday.

PUNCH Metro gathered from the Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Olufemi Oke-Osayintolu, on Monday, that the incident happened in the early hours of the day.

According to the Permanent Secretary, the body of the victim was recovered by the agency's response team and handed over to the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit for necessary action.

He said, "The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency activated its response team at 0828hrs in response to distress calls. On arrival at the incident scene at 0902hrs, LRT discovered the dead body of an adult male on the train tracks.

"Further investigations revealed that the adult male was reportedly hit by a moving train in the early hours of the morning.

"The agency's response team recovered the body from the railway tracks and handed it to the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit. SEHMU has transferred the commodity to the morgue for further processing."

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PUNCH Metro reported last Tuesday that the Lagos State Task Force vowed to arrest traders plying their trade along the train tracks across the state.

The spokesperson for the task force, Abdulraheem Gbadeyan, while responding to the trading activities on train tracks by some traders, had noted that the agency made frantic efforts to deter the traders but they had remained adamant.

He however noted that efforts would be intensified in arresting and punishing offenders that had remained adamant.

"Last week, we were at Mile 2 and we dislodged some of the traders who were trading on the track. The problem is that these traders have remained defiant despite repeated warnings and arrests.

"We will intensify our efforts in arresting the defiant ones who had refused to heed warnings. The train tracks are not places to ply your trade," Gbadeyan had said.