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A 35-year-old zoo worker at the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library, Abeokuta, Babaji Daule, has been mauled to death by a lion.

It was learnt that the incident was caused by an act of negligence by the handler, a native of Bauchi State.

Confirming the incident in a statement, the spokesperson of

Lion mauls 35-year-old handler to death in Ogun zoo

the Ogun State Police Command, Omolola Odutola, said the Chief Security Officer of the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library informed the divisional police officer of the incident.

"A deadly incident involving a wild animal attack has been re-

ported by the Area Commander metro. On September 28, 2024, at about 7:40 hrs the Chief Security Officer of Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library informed the divisional police officer that a 35-year-old man named Babaji Daule from Bauchi State, who is a trained handler of a male

lion at the Zoological Garden in Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library Abeokuta, tragically lost his life," she said.

"It was discovered that the lion handler carelessly neglected to secure the locks and barricade the lion's enclosure before approaching the cage to feed the animal,

this negligence allowed the lion to escape and attack the handler, resulting in fatal injuries to the handler's neck and eventual death.

"The victim's body was removed and taken to the mortuary at the Ijaye General Hospital, while the wild lion was shot to release its grip on the handler."