

Train passenger plunges to death in Lagos

AN unidentified passenger, yesterday, at Agege area of Lagos, died after losing control from hanging on the doorstep of a Lagos-bound train.

A correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the passenger was cut into

two as the descending train ran over him. Railway authorities described the action as suicidal, saying the deceased's family would pay the corporation to claim the mangled body.

A witness, Mr Samuel Adesoye, a draughtsman with the Lagos State Water Corporation, said that

the passenger, standing on the last rung of the step, was holding the side of the train with one hand when the incident occurred. "He had used the other hand to cover his face, shielding it from the harmattan dust," Adesoye said.

He said that the deceased was hanging apparently to evade payment of transport fare. An official of the Nigeria Railway Corporation (NRC), who pleaded anonymity, told NAN that the management of the corporation had erected side barriers to prevent passengers from hanging on the train roof.

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