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## Metal pipes kill grandfather in Lagos

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**LAGOS**—TRAGEDY struck, yesterday, at Five Star Logistics Terminal, Lagos, after heavy metal pipes fell on a 62-year-old grandfather, who later died before he could get to the hospital.

The tragic incident led to the shutdown of the terminal for over 12 hours by aggrieved Dockworkers, who are colleagues of the deceased.

The deceased, identified as Mr. Pius Itah, had reportedly finished off loading the pipes from a vessel at about 3 a .m, yesterday, but was said to be waiting for his colleagues when one of the pipes rolled from the heap trapping his leg.

In his bid to forcibly remove his trapped leg, other pipes rolled off and buried him on the ground.

Confirming the incident, President of Dockworkers branch of Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria, MWUN, Adewale Adeyanju, said the remains had been deposited at the mortuary, lamenting that the terminal areas were increasingly becoming unsafe for workers and unwillingness of operators to address it.

He also told *Vanguard* that the union had obtained a Police and Terminal operator reports on the incident, adding that the union would soon commence negotiation on the payment of compensation and funeral rites cost from the owners of the terminal.

He added that there were insurance covers for the workers.

When *Vanguard* contacted the General Manager of the terminal, Captain Peter Jon Jon, he referred *Vanguard* to one Mr Bashir Adesina, who said investigations were still ongoing.

Adesina said: "It was an accident and investigations are still ongoing, we cannot say anything until we get a report of the incident and the cause of the death of the dockworker. Normally, compensations are paid, we are human we must do everything possible to cushion the effect of the incident on the family of the deceased."

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