

50-yr-old operator falls into melting pot, another stuck in machine

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LAGOS State Police Command is currently investigating the circumstances that led to the death of Sunday Usenobong, a 50-year-old man, who fell inside a melting pot, while operating a machine.

It was learned that on November 22, at 3:30p.m., Sunday Usenobong, a staff of Landcraft Industry Nig. Ltd., located at Odogunyan Industrial Estate, Ikorodu, fell inside a melting hot pot, while operating the company's machine. He died on the spot.

Confirming the incident, spokesperson for Lagos State Police Command, DSP Bala Elkana, explained that homicide detectives have visited the scene to ascertain the circumstances

surrounding the incident.

He added that "the corpse was evacuated to a public morgue for autopsy. An investigation is ongoing."

In a related development, a 35-year-old machine operator, Olatunde Femi, who got his head stuck while operating one of the processing machines at Multipak Nigeria Limited located at Plot F28, Kudirat Abiola Way, Oregun, Lagos, reportedly died on the spot.

Detectives visited the scene and the corpse was evacuated to a public morgue for autopsy.

Meanwhile, Lagos State government has sealed off the premises of Multipak Nigeria Limited for violation of safety rules and regulation as well as a complete lack of safety management system.

The state government, through the state safety commission, shut the production company, following the death of Mr. Femi Olatunde.

Director-General, Lagos State Safety Commission, Lanre Mojola, stressed that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration has laid emphasis on safety of lives and properties of its citizenry, hence the declaration of zero tolerance on factories and private organisations that violate health and safety rules and regulation.

Mojola added that investigation was also ongoing with regards to safety infractions at another steel factory in Odonguyan, Ikorodu.

His words: "If they are found wanting after the investigation, the factory will be sealed and

prosecuted fully in line with the extant laws."

Swimmer drowns in National Stadium pool

Also, the police have confirmed the death of a 26-year-old man identified as Sodiq Yusuf, who drowned while swimming at the National Stadium, Surulere.

Confirming the incident, the spokesperson of Lagos State Police Command, DSP Bala Elkana, said a team of policemen was mobilised to the scene after the police received a distress call.

He said: "The victim was rescued and rushed to Randle General Hospital, Surulere, where he later died."

"The corpse was deposited at the Mainland General Hospital, Yaba, morgue for autopsy. An investigation is ongoing."

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