Rhino gores man to death in zoo

BOGOTA (Reuters) - A rhinoceros in a Colombian zoo gored a man to death when he "invaded" its habit for unknown reasons, officials said Tuesday.

Maria Victoria Agudelo, a director of the zoo in the southwest city of Cali, said the unidentified victin aged 55 to 60, apparently climbed over a wooden barrier and entered the rhino's enclosed area after closing hours late on Monday.

She said the female rhino, with an upright horn on its snout, was not normally aggressive, but like moranimals was territorial and would resent any uninvited guests.

"If a man went into its habitat it was, of course, an invasion," Agudelo said.

She said zoo workers found the man's lifeless body on Tuesday morning and authorities were investigating exactly how he wound up in the area where he was gored.

"He didn't have any identification," Agudelo added.

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