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that, "the frame did not fit properly on the first frame due to it having been bent". The workers stated that they had to "cut" (by means of a hacksaw) the built in ladder rung in order to "spread out" the mainframe section in order to make the scaffold components connect. It also illustrates that one rung from each side of the frame had been cut which weakened the structural stability of the scaffold and posed a fall hazard to anyone who performed work on the platform. Additionally, by cutting the rung of the built in ladder the worker(s) were also exposed to falls when they were accessing the work platform.

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