

Two electrocuted in Lagos

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TWO men were **electrocuted** in **Ogba**, **Ikeja**, Lagos State on Tuesday night when a high tension **under cable** belonging to the Power Holding Corporation of Nigerian (PHCN) cut and **fell on** them. A witness, who identified the deceased simply as Emeka and Oba, said they were spare-parts dealers in Ogba.

The witness, Mr Azubuike Kanu, told reporters that tragedy struck at about 10.00 p.m. when the men were relaxing outside a nearby building.

Said Kanu: "I was reliably informed that my **two friends** were sitting outside and relaxing after the business of the day in front of a building at Shonola Street, not too far from Emeka's elder sister's shop.

"All of a sudden, there was a spark and one of the high tension cables fell on them."

Kanu, a gospel musician, claimed the men were immediately rushed to the General Hospital **Ikeja**, but they could not get medical attention because of the doctors' strike.

He said: "When they were taken to the hospital, they were unable to see doctors as security men at the hospital gate did not allow them into the premises because of the strike.

"They were then taken to another undisclosed hospital where they were confirmed dead."


Another account said that Emeka had on April 25 dedicated his first child.


Contacted, the spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr Frank Mba, confirmed the incident, saying that investigation had commenced.

"I have been briefed about the incident and our men have begun investigations."


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