

26-yr-old man electrocuted in Asaba

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A 26-year-old male staff of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) has been electrocuted in the capital city.

The man whose names were not given by the PHCN authorities, was said to have meet his untimely death while effecting minor repairs on a high tension cable at the Umuaji quarters, when the incident happened.

According to an eye witness account, the man had climbed one of the electric poles during a power outage to repair a broken cable in the afternoon when minutes later he was hit by sparks of fire from the cable, forcing residents of the area to flee for safety. *Daily Champion* investigations revealed that no sooner had the man climbed the pole to effect repairs when power (light) was restore in

the town, which enveloped the man who cried helplessly for help.

While the victim was trapped up the pole, the PHCN suspender belt was immediately torn into shreds by the fire including his clothes, an action that attracted attention of thousands of sympathizers who helplessly cried out for the man's rescue.

He was later rescued few minutes by some field staff of the PHCN in the city before the man was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre for treatment.

"We saw the PHCN man when he climbed the pole and commenced operation. But later something happened, we saw fire and heard a cry. It was then we noticed that the security belt on his waist had burnt and was dangling on top of the pole and we fled," the source said.