

Man electrocuted in Port Harcourt

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AN unidentified man was on Monday night electrocuted after a high tension Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) cable fell him in Woji area of Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital.

It was learnt that the man was visiting his wife, who sells oranges under the high tension facility, about 7.45pm.

Residents of the area and passersby were in panic, as the sparks of fire made them scamper for safety.

An eye witness told our reporter that a part of the live wire fell on the man who died instantly, while his wife was later rushed to a nearby hospital in the city.

Another source, a female who did not want her name in print explained that the noise that followed the snap of the wire did not give anybody the chance to save the man that was already lying on the ground.

The eye witness said, "The sound from the wires was so loud. Many people at the scene ran in order not to be electrocuted. At that time the incident occurred, only very few people saw the lifeless body of the man," she said.

Public Relations Officer, PHCN, Port Harcourt, Mr. John Onyi, who confirmed the incident to Daily Champion, said that it was learnt that the deceased had come to visit his spouse, unknown to him that it would be his last day on earth.

Onyi added that a wire from the high tension snapped and fell on the man, while the wife, who survived the incident, was rushed to the hospital.

Businessman remanded for allegedly issuing dud cheque

A 44-year-old businessman, Onuoha Chukwu, was yesterday arraigned before a Karu Chief Magistrates' Court, Abuja, for alleged criminal intimidation, issuance