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GIRL ELECTROCUTED BY PHCN CABLE IN EDO

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IT was a black **Sunday** for residents of Ujabhole-Uwessan, in Esan Central Local Government area of **Edo State** as an **18-year-old girl was electrocuted**. The deceased, simply identified as Iyogosa Godsdag, was reported to have been hit by the Power Holding Company of Nigeria's (PHCN) high tension wire while she was trying to line the clothes she had washed just after the down pour that same day.

Daily Champion gathered that when the high tension cable fell at Idumu Asse, it resulted into people running helter-skelter resulting in the loss of several household electrical appliances. An eyewitness, Adubuka Ehimen said the deceased came out of the house after the rains and was trying to spread the clothes on the ropes just a few metres from the house when suddenly she was hit by the huge tension wire and died. He added that sympathizers avoided helping for fear of being electrocuted also. "Iyogosa came out of the house after that heavy Sunday rain and was spreading her clothes on the rope in front of their house at Idumu Asse when she was hit by the wire. Immediately she fell down and died. As I speak with you now, most houses lost their electrical appliances as a result of the upsurge in power supply. "Though she has been buried but as I speak with you, no NEPA officials have come to the village even after we reported the case at Irrua station office of the establishment. Right now, light has not been restored and we are in darkness, we are appealing to the Government for help", he said. The Zonal PHCN public relations officer, Mr. Fadipe, could not be reached for comments as several calls to his mobile phones were not responded to.

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