

# Three electrocuted while hoisting TV antenna

**T**hree persons were on Sunday electrocuted at Oluma-Otuo in Owan-East Local Government Area of Edo state while hoisting a TV antenna for their new television set.

The names of the deceased were given as Ifejola Ushiobafo, a female and two males, Philip Aghamenu and Ogochukwu Igwe.

A News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) correspondent, who was in the town yesterday, reports that the deceased were all residents of Oluma quarters, Otuo.

They were said to have suffered their harsh fate when the antenna pole mistakenly touched a high tension cable.

According to an eye wit-

ness, who asked for an anonymity, one of the deceased, Aghamenu, was the first to be electrocuted followed by Ushiobafo, and later Igwe.

He said when the pole touched high tension cable, Aghamenu began to convulse. Ushiobafo and Igwe, who wanted to save him, were electrocuted as soon as they touched him, the witness said.

The incident, said to be the first of its kind since the town was connected to the national grid four years ago, has thrown the entire community into mourning.

The corpses have since been taken to a private clinic in Afuze by the police for autopsy while officials of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) were notified.