

PHCN staff electrocuted at Bwari

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A 42-year-old staff of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), Mr. Roma Abuza was at the weekend electrocuted at Kubwa while trying to work on an electricity fault.

According to eyewitnesses, the late Abuza was called upon by his boss to climb the pole close to Wilson Supermarket and rectify an electricity fault.

The witness alleged that the technician was told that electricity in the area had been turned off in the area before he climbed up and was electrocuted when he touched a high tension wire.

Another witness accused the deceased person's colleague of setting him up over a long standing feud.

"It is most unfortunate because gone are the days when a PHCN staff climbs a pole and gets electrocuted because before he climbs a pole, the electricity switch board keys will be given to him so that immediately he finishes work, he switches back the electricity," the witness reasoned.

He said the late Abuza's twin brother was in tears as he tried to battle with other PHCN staff, while the deceased wife and two children were in shock.

Our reporter learnt that the PHCN's office in Kubwa was in total chaos as relatives of the electrocuted staff and other colleagues were locked in verbal combat over the allegation.

An attempt to speak with management staff of PHCN was rebuffed severely but the only staff who spoke said she doesn't know what happened as she only reported to work to find the gates locked and heard the rumors of the incident.

She however confirmed that the late Abuza died of electrocution while on duty but declined further comments on the matter.