

Rain: Fallen electric cable and communications mast kill 2 in Lagos

A high tension wire that snapped on Sunday night electrocuted a 45-year-old man, while another man was killed by a falling communications mast during the heavy rainfall in Lagos.

Identified simply as Alhaji Lanre, the 45-year old businessman was electrocuted at Okeafa, Isolo, when a cable of the PHCN fell on his Adebiyi St. residence during the heavy rain.

A resident of the area, Mr Edwin Eboh, told newsmen that the incident affected four other residents of No. 4 Adebiyi St. and a commercial cyclist, who was

riding past.

Eboh said the other victims only sustained minor burn injuries and are receiving treatment in the hospital.

The heavy rainfall witnessed in Lagos from Sunday morning till Monday afternoon also led to the collapse of a communications mast at John St. Idumota, killing a 26-year old man identified as Adewale. It was gathered that Adewale was merely passing through the street when the incident occurred.

The mast, property of Unity Bank, fell close to the spot where

a building collapsed seven days earlier and killed 18 people.

A witness told newsmen that shortly after the rains ceased (temporarily) around 11.05 p.m., lightning struck, causing the mast to cave in. The mast also damaged two commercial buses parked at its base.

Alhaji Kehinde Aka, owner of one of the damaged buses said it was only by divine intervention that he and his driver escaped being killed by the mast.

"Immediately the rains ceased at about 11.05 p.m, I called my driver and we were about enter-

ing the bus when the lightning struck. We ran for our dear lives and were lucky because the bus was parked at the base of the mast," he said.

All efforts to speak with the bank's management proved abortive, while policemen at the Adeniji-Adele police station said they were looking into the strike.

It would be recalled that a four-storey building at Magaji lane, a stone-throw from John St all on Lagos Island, collapsed on Tuesday, July 5, killing 18 people and sending many to hospitals.

Meanwhile, a community leader, Alhaji Kabiru Oshodi has advised Lagos residents, particularly those on Lagos Island to avoid working late into the night because of the rain.

Oshodi said that building collapse, lightning and other dangerous features associated with the season could be avoided by being extra vigilant.

Meanwhile, residents of Anjorin and other neighboring streets in Lawanson, Surulere, have appealed to the PHCN to always cut electricity supply during heavy rains. (NAN)

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