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# Carpenter electrocuted in Aba \*B

From Perpetual Umeaku, Aba

A carpenter identified as Anayo was at the weekend electrocuted while roofing a new storey building in Ezieama, Aba-North Local Government Area of Abia State.

A witness said the victim who is from Mbano in Imo State was putting finishing touches to the

roof of the building when a wind blew the roofing sheet he was holding to a live electric cable.

The witness who identified himself as Livinus alleged that the owner of the house did not adhere to the city plan while putting up the structure.

"The incident would have been prevented if they (Town Planning Authorities) had monitored the

construction of the building from start to finish. Erecting this type of house opposite or under a high tension wire is dangerous and should not be encouraged. Some landlords, after obtaining approval from the authorities' to erect structures, out of greed would build their houses outside the approved plan. Staff of the town planning authority should

not sit in the office carrying files. They should visit and monitor buildings they approved to ensure compliance," he said.

The state Police Public Relations Officer Geoffrey Ogbonna described the incident as unfortunate and wondered why such a high rise building was constructed close to a high tension line.

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