

Suspected cable vandal electrocuted at Apapa

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A suspected cable vandal was electrocuted in Apapa area of Lagos at the weekend. The corpse of the unidentified man was found beside the transformer supplying power to Delta Liaison Company located in the area.

Residents who spoke to our correspondent said the deceased must have met his death while trying to vandalise some electricity cables within the electricity distribution sub-station. Close to the lifeless body of the deceased was a jigsaw that he was allegedly using to cut the cables before he was electrocuted.

Head, Corporate Communication of Eko Electricity Distribution Company, Mr. Godwin Idemudia, also confirmed to our correspondent that the deceased must have got to the sub-station and started carrying out his criminal act when there was no power supply.

"But luck must have run out on him when supply was unexpectedly restored and he was instantly electrocuted," he noted.

Idemudia added that the incident had already been reported to the police while the corpse of the suspected cable vandal had been deposited at the Yaba General Hospital Mortuary.

He said that the incident would further debunk the belief by some members of the public that only workers in the electricity industry could engage in vandalism of electricity equipment, adding that the deceased was not and had never been a staff member of the company.

He noted that if not for the sudden restoration of power supply to the sub-station, the man might have succeeded in his nefarious act while accusing fingers would have been pointed at the