Man electrocuted stealing from transformer

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A man was electrocuted while stealing from a transformer at Ureje community along Poly Road, Ado Ekiti.

Eyewitnesses said that Muslim worshippers returning from worship centre at about 6: 20am saw a ladder by their transformer and became curious, wondering whether officials of the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BDEC) had come to repair the faulty transformer which was said to have been vandalised since December 24, 2014.

Speaking with journalists, the spokesman of the community, Alhaji Jamiu Babalola and Chairman of the Ajegunle/Ureje landlord Association of the community, Alhaji Arijoyo Olowoyo, said, "It was just about 20 minutes past 6am today. We saw the ladder but didn't see anyone on it. We moved closer to the transformer to see who could be working there. We were shocked to see the body of a strange man lying by the transformer. It was then we knew that the deceased must have been electrocuted while stealing from the power equipment."

Treasurer of the association, Prince Ojo Adewale revealed that the community had been in blackout since December 2014, adding that efforts to get government and the BDEC to come to their aid had yielded no positive result.

Mr. Kayode Ilori, Public Relations Officer of the BEDC in the state, said that the deceased must have started to steal very early in the morning when there was no power but that power suddenly got to the cables and electrocuted him.

Policemen from the Odo-Ado Police station in the area, who had arrived the scene said they recovered a cell phone and some electrical appliances from the deceased.

They promised that investigations would be conducted with a view to finding out accomplices of the deceased. \

They later took the corpse and the ladder away.