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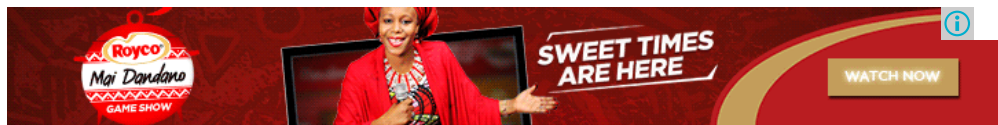


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A contract staff of the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) and a food vendor were reported dead after being electrocuted in separate locations in Kubwa, Abuja.

The contract staff was said to have been electrocuted on Tuesday in Phase 4 area of the town, while the food vendor died while attempting to reconnect a disconnected line in their residence in Chikakore area of the same town.

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City News gathered that the 36-year-old staff identified as Michael Dada, had gone to rectify a fault in a transformer with his colleague when he was electrocuted.

A witness said the deceased was working on the fault when his colleague observed a current in the cable and asked him to climb down.

"Instead of coming down, he took the plier from his pocket and as soon as it touched the wire, he was electrocuted," he said.

He said the colleague immediately rushed to get a tin of milk, but said all effort to revive the deceased proved abortive.

The witness added that he was immediately rushed to the Kubwa General Hospital where he was certified dead by the doctor.

City News learnt that the food vendor, identified as David Chukwuka was confirmed dead at the Kubwa General Hospital where his body was first carried to, immediately he fell from the pole.

"The relations did not believe the report and had to carry the corpse to another private hospital in the area where he was also certified dead," the source added.

When contacted, the Kubwa Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Chief Superintendent Nuruddeen Sabo, confirmed both incidents, saying their remains had been deposited at the Kubwa General Hospital morgue.



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