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Tension in Abeokuta as 4 die of electrocution within 12 days

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There is palpable fear among residents of the Moshood Abiola Way, Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, following the electrocution of four persons in the last 12 days.

The latest death occurred last Wednesday when a young man in his 20s, simply identified as Tobi, was electrocuted on the Moshood Abiola road area of Olorunsogo.

Sources said that Tobi, who had just completed his four-year electrical repairs apprenticeship programme under his boss identified as Baba Nimota at the Total filling station at Adatan, died after efforts by sympathisers to resuscitate him failed.

On the fateful day, Tobi's boss, it was gathered, had implored him to follow him to a site, an offer he turned down with a claim that he had another location he preferred to go to work. But a few hours later, information got to his boss that the late young man had been electrocuted while attempting to connect a line on a newly erected pole

at the scene of the incident.

City News learnt that the late Tobi failed to disconnect the power line from the source as he erroneously thought that electricity supply at the time would not be restored until he had completed the connection. Unfortunately, power was restored while he was on the ladder and he was immediately electrocuted. Rescue efforts on him failed and he died before getting to the hospital.

Also, three persons were reported to have been electrocuted opposite the Madojutimi Junction along the same Abiola Way penultimate week, when a high tension wire got disengaged and fell abruptly on them.

An official of the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBDEC), Mr. Adebessin, confirmed the death of the three victims, but said he was not aware of Tobi's case.

Also, the Ogun State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said the cases might not have been reported to the police.

"We do not have such records at the command," Oyeyemi said.