5 travelling to Yobe electrocuted in Lagos

From Abbas Dalibi, Lagos

Five persons died from electric shock while on their way to the North from Lagos on Tuesday.

The tragic incident happened at a popular trailer park called Danlami Garage in the Apapa area of Lagos around 10pm.

Daily Trust learnt that the travellers, mostly youths, were commercial motorcycle riders returning to the North away from the pressure of surviving in Lagos.

One of the survivors, Zulyadaini Muhammed, told Daily Trust that they were over 45 inside the truck loaded with goods heading for Nguru Town in Yobe State.

"The majority of us inside the truck were commercial motorcycle riders and the pressure from the police and Lagos State Government made us take a decision to go back home. Most of us are from Jigawa and Yobe states.

"This incident happened when we were about to leave the garage; we realised there was an electric wire almost leaning on the truck; people were shouting, calling the attention of the driver to stop but he did not stop. One of the passengers with us on top of the truck pushed the electric wire up with his two hands and he got electrocuted instantly. He died together with two other people who were close to him. Those injured are currently receiving treatment," he said.

The Sarkin Hausawa of Ajegunle, Alhaji Idris Baba Nasidi, told *Daily Trust* that they had evacuated five bodies and were preparing to bury them in accordance with Islamic rites.