

Man dies of electrocution in Ogun

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Scene of electrocution. Photo: Punch

A middle-aged man, yesterday, died of electrocution in Obantoko area of Abeokuta, Ogun State, while fixing an electrical fault for his neighbour.

The Guardian gathered that the deceased electrician was engaged by one Elijah Adenekan of Unity Estate in Aregbe area of Obantoko, Odeda Local Council of the State, to help rectify an electrical fault.

There was an outage at the time the electrician climbed the pole, but while he was in the middle of the task, power was restored.

He was allegedly electrocuted by a naked wire, and he fell off balance, crashed on the ground and died on the spot.

A community source, who spoke under the condition of anonymity, said the residents fled in the ensuing panic, adding that the incident was reported at Aregbe Police Station.

The source said: “He was an electrician who was engaged to fix an electrical fault in Mr. Elijah Adenekan’s house. He has been the one assisting in fixing faults when Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) officials are not around.

“There was no electricity before he started the connection. But while he was at it, power was restored. He was electrocuted.

“Those around initially fled, but later, Mr Adenekan went to Aregbe Police Station to report, before the Community Development Association (CDA) members joined him.”