

Two Electrocuted In Makurdi

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Two persons have been electrocuted to death in Makurdi while erecting a giant-sized signpost for the Living Faith Church, Winner's Chapel, Wurukum, at the weekend.

Six other persons have been hospitalized following injuries sustained during the incident.

Eye-witnesses claimed that the victims were recruited by the contractor who handled the project to

mount the signpost.

It was gathered that the victims slipped and fell off the ladder, and landed on a Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) high tension network of cables at the site of the job, instantly killing the two persons.

The resulting explosion from the cables reportedly affected the six other labourers who were immediately rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi, where they were later revived.

Eye-witnesses also blamed the contractor (names withheld) for the mishap.

The contractor was alleged to have hired cheap and unskilled labour to execute the contract.

Members of the church who felt the incident was embarrassing and a bad publicity for the church also expressed sadness at the attitude of the contractor.

"The contractor is to be blamed because the church paid him well to do a perfect job but instead he sublet

it to unprofessional persons.

"This is a bad publicity for us. It is sad that two young men died and others were injured. We thank God that the six others survived", a member said.

Attempts to reach the senior pastor of the church for comments failed as his secretary claimed that the man of God was too busy to see anyone.

As at the time of this report the signpost, ladder and rope used in lifting it were still on the wall of the church.