

Man Electrocuted

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Tragedy struck last Thursday at Obawole in Ifako/Ijaiye Local Government Area of Lagos state as an electrician was electrocuted while tampering with high voltage wire belonging to the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN).

The man, whose name could not be ascertained as at press time was said to be repairing a faulty wire for some residents when he was suddenly 'shocked' and he fell off the pole.

He immediately became 'lifeless' with little trace of blood oozing from his mouth as a result of the impact of the fall on the ground.

The incident which happened at Oyewole Street about 3.30 p.m. threw the residents into confusion and there was wailing as people tried to revive him.

Witnesses said when the residents' effort's seemed not to be yielding the desired result; they had to rush the man to a nearby hospital.

They however expressed little hope about the possibility of the man's survival.

The pole including the ladder which he used to climb the pole fell on him.

As a result of the incident, electric power supply was cut abruptly in the area to forestall any other misgiving.

When *Daily Independent* visited the area, residents said that the pole had been weak due to erosion.

They said that in anticipation of the incident, they had earlier contributed money to cement the floor around the pole.

It was observed that high tension wires attached to the pole were right on the ground even as the residents expressed bitterness over the incident.

They however appealed to PHCN to quickly come to their aid by removing the wires, saying the way they were, posed danger to their lives and those of other *Lagosians* who use the ever busy road.