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Man electrocuted in Osun

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TRAGEDY occurred in the early hours of Sunday when an unidentified middle aged man, was electrocuted inside the premises of Irepodun Local Government Secretariat, Ilobu while trying to vandalise electric transformer located in the compound.

Investigations revealed that the deceased was electrocuted when he jumped inside the brick fence where the transformer was installed and mistakenly stepped on a live cable.

It was further learnt that the hoodlums numbering about five stormed the premises of the local government secretariat to perpetrate the dastardly act and moments when noticed that one of them had got electrocuted, the remaining who came with a unidentified vehicle left the vicinity and abandoned the deceased.

As at press time, identity of the deceased was yet to be identified as there was nothing on him that bears his name or identity. It was also learnt that the guard employed to man the secretariat was not on duty when the hoodlums stormed the place.

In recent times, destruction of electric transformers had been rampant in the state especially, Osogbo, Osun State Capital.

The act became frequent occurrence in the state shortly after the completion of privatization process of the defunct Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) when some of its workers were laid off.

The people of Ilupeju II, Ori-Oke Oloruntosin, and Onward Area of Osogbo suffered similar incident when some unidentified hoodlums destroyed the community transformer by removing the cable and other vital components.

The people of the community spent the Christmas and New Year celebrations in total blackout and remained so for more than eight weeks.

Over N350, 000 was paid by the people of the community to the power company before the components were replaced.