

Hair-dresser Electrocuted In Ilorin

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A hair-dresser, said to be a wife of a police officer, Mrs. Seun Salaudeen was, on Monday, electrocuted in her shop along Garin Alimi Ring-road, Lagos Road, Ilorin, Kwara State.

An eye-witness told LEADERSHIP FRIDAY that the incident which threw the area into pandemonium occurred when a Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) high voltage power line suddenly disconnected from the pole and fell on a container which was being used as a kiosk by the deceased.

Mrs. Salaudeen, 30, who was in the company of her police husband, was said to have opened the shop barely 20 minutes before the tragedy occurred.

The eye-witness further told LEADERSHIP FRIDAY that the electrocuted woman was rushed to the Garin Alimi Hospital, opposite her shop, by one Ibrahim Marouf and another good Samaritan, where she was confirmed dead.

The deceased's husband, Mr. Abdulwaheed Esinrogunjo, a mobile policeman serving in the northern part of the country, narrated the incident to newsmen who besieged the hospital.

In an emotion laden-voice, the bereaved husband expressed disbelief over the incident, saying that "we were together not long ago. I would have lost my life, too, had I rested on the container like she did. But I rested on a plank in the shop and ran out immediately I saw the spark; but was unable to help my wife".

Another eye-witness narrated that, "I was washing plates when the incident happened. I also felt the shock from the cable and dropped the plate immediately".

The deceased's body had since been moved from the hospital to her husband's home at the Esinrogunjo compound, in Pakata area of Ilorin.

A member of the Esinrogunjo family confided in LEADERSHIP FRIDAY that the couple lost their only child, a five-year-old, last month, and that the victim just resumed business after mourning before the unfortunate incident occurred.