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Man Electrocuted On Electricity Pole

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A 35-year-old yesterday met his death through electrocution, while fixing a power problem on an electricity pole in Zone 7, Dutse, Bwari area council.

A witness, Eze Omu who spoke with LEADERSHIP said the incident occurred around 4pm when the man was trying to fix an electricity problem and power supply was suddenly restored to the area.

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"He was on the pole when suddenly we heard him shouting. Because he was high up there, there was nothing we could do so we just stood by and watched helplessly. Someone suggested that we call the power supply company and ask them to cut off power but before we could do that, he died" the witness narrated.

Another witness, Moses Sunny an electrical technician explained that the man used an aluminum ladder instead of a wooden one to climb the pole and failed

to use gloves, which made it easy for him to be electrocuted.

"He went with an aluminum ladder to do the work. He was supposed to have used a wooden ladder and he went too high close to the high tension cables. Though there was no power when he did, power was suddenly restored as he got electrocuted," he said.

Sunny further stated that the victim's body was stuck to the pole till power was cut and that was when sympathisers were able to bring down his body. He added that the matter has been reported to the relevant authorities.

"When we called the PHCN to tell them what had happened, their manager came to identify the victim but said he isn't one of their staff and may have been working on the pole illegally, before the unfortunate incident.

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