

TRAGEDY: Technician Electrocuted In Asaba, Family Alleges Witchcraft

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A middle-aged man identified as Samuel Egwonu, popularly called Papa Ejime, a resident of Nkpaya quarters, Asaba, Delta State, was yesterday allegedly electrocuted while trying to carry out repairs for a neighbour.

It was reliably gathered that one of the tenants in the compound, where the sad incidence happened, raised the alarm that attracted other neighbours to the scene.

The victim was said to have been contracted by a lady (name withheld) who complained of low current in their compound, for him to help connect the cable directly from the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) pole but this was not to be as the victim, who doubles as a refrigerator mechanic,

was said to be working with another technician and they allegedly climbed a ladder to rectify the error when the tragedy happened.

It was further gathered that the victim climbed into the ceiling of the house to rectify the electrical fault but was electrocuted without others knowing what was going on.

A family member of the victim who gave her name as Onyinye Egwonu said

"What happened to my brother that took his life is the handiwork of witchcraft ravaging our family in the past, why is he the only one that was electrocuted among others, we shall get to the root of this and avenge at all costs."

It was learnt that the victim fell off the ceiling when there was power outage and before those there could notice what

happened to him, he gave up the ghost.

An eye witness said that blood was seen gushing out of his mouth, and sympathizers tried to resuscitate him by splashing water on him but to no avail. He was said to have been taken to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Asaba, where he was confirmed dead.

When contacted on phone, BEDC public affairs manager, Mrs. Esther Okolien said there was no report of the death of any of their staff saying it might be an accident of illegal connection which the management of BEDC constantly preaches against.

While sympathising with the family of the victim, she warned against illegal connections as well as tampering with BEDC installations, urging members of the public to report any problems to BEDC to enable its officials effect repairs.

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