

Man Electrocuted On High Tension Pole In Bayelsa

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A man simply identified as Amas lost his life on Saturday when he got electrocuted while working on a high tension pole in Ekeki Community, near the Police Divisional headquarters along Azikoro Road in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital

The deceased who was not

a staff of the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHED) but lives in the neighbourhood was on the pole to connect residents to electricity before the incident.

Residents of the area told newsmen that due to the poor power supply in the state, most people preferred connection to the federal line with assurance of 12 to 13 hours power supply daily.

The deceased, a father of two, from Nembe local government area of the state was said to have been stuck for hours before officials of the PHED arrived.

A resident of Azikoro Road, Michael Orubo, who witnessed the incident described the deceased as an easy-going person who does electrical works in the neighbourhood to care for his family.

He said, "Amas lives in our street, and he does most of the connection work in this area. Why has death come to him in such a way? He just left us where we were playing chess game and said he was coming back but never returned.

"He was easy-going; who will now care for the two kids he has left behind? The money he gets from these electric connections is what he manages to feed his family with. What manner of death is this? We were together throughout this period of rain; he left to fix the connection immediately after the rain."