

Two electrocuted, five injured after rain

Two persons were electrocuted and five others injured following yesterday's rain in some parts of Lagos.

The incident occurred at the Soluos Hotel bus stop on Igando Road, Lagos.

Eyewitnesses said the incident was caused by the rain water that dripped from a high-tension electric cable. "The cable did not snap, but the wire that ought to go to the earth from the high-tension cable had cut; so, the rain water that dripped from the cable conducted electricity and when it splashed on them, they were electrocuted," a source said.

The victims were a middle-aged woman, simply identified as Mama Bose and a young man, said to be a commercial motorcyclist, who was trying to rescue her. Others were injured.

An eyewitness, Mr Moshood Balogun, told The Nation that seven persons were affected. Two died on the spot; those injured were taken to undisclosed hospitals.

Balogun, who described the woman as a nice person, said her daughter, who rushed to her aid, was injured. He said some policemen came to remove the bodies from the spot.

Asked if there was any problem with the high-tension cable before, Balogun said residents usually experienced occasional sparks whenever there was power supply, adding that PHCN (Power Holding Company of Nigeria) workers were aware of the problems.

When The Nation visited the two PHCN stations at Igando and its office on Ezeanowi Street, no official was around to speak on the matter.