

# Father of two electrocuted in Bayelsa



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A father of two simply identified as Amas died while working on a high tension pole in Ekeki community in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State near the Police Divisional Headquarters on Azikoro road.

It was gathered the deceased, who was a non-staffer of the [Power Holding Company of Nigeria \(PHCN\)](#) resident in the neighbourhood, was on the pole to connect some clients' to the national grid before he was electrocuted.

Residents of the area said due to the poor power supply in the State, most people preferred a federal line which has assurance of between 12 and 13 hours power supply daily.

The deceased, who hailed from Nembe Local Government Area of the state, was said to have been stuck on the pole for hours before officials of the PHCN came to his rescue.

But before they reached the place, he was already dead.

A resident of Azikoro road, Micheal Orubo, who claimed to have witnessed the incident described the deceased as an easy going person who did electrical work to care for his family.

He said: “Amas lived on our street, and he did most of the connection work in this area. It is unfortunate that death came to him in such a manner. He just left us where we were playing chess game, and said he was coming back but never returned.

“He was an easy going man. Who will take care of the two kids he has left behind. The money he got from this electric connections was what he usually managed to feed his family. What manner of death is this?”

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Another resident, who gave his name only as Ebi said: “He just passed me not more than five minutes; immediately after the rain stopped.

“The next thing I heard was people screaming. We rushed to the scene of the incident but we couldn't help it, because he was wearing a belt. So, it held him tight to the pole.

“There was nothing onlookers could do because they were all scared as it was still raining.”

An official of the PHCN later came and removed the lifeless body after being hung on the pole for hours.

Bayelsa Police spokesman ASP Musa Muhammed, could not be reached for confirmation as his phone rang out several times.