

2 PHCN CASUAL STAFF

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TWO casual staff of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) serving at the Kalgo Service Centre were at the

weekend electrocuted while trying to repair a fault on an

electric pole at Basaura town of Kalgo Local Government Area of Kebbi State.

Pipeline fire kills one

A PIPELINE fire on Shell Petroleum Company's facility in Ibaa, Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers, killed a middle aged man and burnt five other persons.

One of the pipes on the flow line along Uzo Okohia in Ibaa on April 30 got burst and led to spill of crude in the entire farm land.

According to community sources, the victims decided to keep vigil on the site to push married officers of Shell, who may come extinguish the fire.

The sources said more than 20 youths took their turns to watch the site in anticipation that the company could come to fix the fault and to collect compensation.

However, on May 2, the spill site was on fire and burnt six of the youths on guard out of which one died.

The River State Commissioner of Police, Mr Alex Ogbadu, confirmed the incident and Shell's management said that the fire had been put out.

One of the victims, Faruk Yunusa Kalgo, aged 29 died on the spot while the other, Bala Basaura was being hospitalised at the Birnin-Kebbi Federal Medical Centre.

Yunusa, a farmer in Kalgo town who is father to the deceased told *New Nigerian* at the weekend that the incident happened at about 4 pm last Tuesday.

Yunusa said until his death, Faruk was a casual staff of the PHCN at the Kalgo Service Centre almost for five years running.

According to him, before the deceased (Faruk) climbed the broken electric pole he drew the attention of his employees at the state office that he would

embark on a minor repairs on the pole between 3 pm and 4 pm on the fateful day.

Unfortunate for Faruk his father said, after he had climbed the pole PHCN restored full current resulting in Faruk's electrocution and Basaura's hospitalised.

The remains of late Faruk Yunusa was laid to rest at Kalgo main cemetery on Tuesday evening amidst sympathy by thousands of people.

The deceased who was the fifth among the ten sons of Malam Yunuss Kalgo was survived by two wives and three children.

When our correspondent contacted the state office of PHCN Birnin Kebbi, the newly posted District Manager (DM) of the station, Engineer B.P Fagbote said "no official report of that incident had come to his office" adding that none of the staff was involved in any kind of mishap.

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