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# Illegal connection: Man electrocuted in Delta •No, he was on legitimate duty — police

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A man said to be illegally attempting to connect a faulty electricity power line met his untimely death on Sunday.

The incident, which led to a pandemonium among residents, occurred at Ohorhor community, Ughelli North Local Government Area, Delta State.

The 34-year-old victim was identified as Mr Kurokeme Awudu, a native of Kpakama community in Bomadi Local Government Area of the state .

He was electrocuted while attempting to connect a faulty electricity power line that carries current to Bomadi and its environs.

The incident occurred at about 6:35 p.m. on Sunday, causing pandemonium and traffic gridlock along the ever- busy Ohorhor Junction as commuters and villagers trooped to the scene to behold the tragedy.

A witness, Okpako Bobo, said the late Awudu was travelling from Kpakama to Ughelli but on getting to the Ohorhor junction, he was surprised that the Ohorhor community which share the same power source with Kpakama had electricity while Kpakama and its environs were in darkness.

As a result, the witness said the late deceased alighted from a commercial vehicle and borrowed a ladder from someone in Ohorhor community, adding that in an attempt to reconnect the Kpakama/Bomadi line, he was electrocuted.

Bobo said the deceased lied motionless on the ground for so many minutes before his corpse was later taken to the Bomadi General Hospital for further investigation.

A source from the hospital said the deceased was brought in dead.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that members of the family of the deceased at Ogubo Egede quarters, Kpakama, were thrown into mourning when the news filtered to them.

Meanwhile, an elderly man, whose name could not be ascertained, blamed the Ohorhor people for the death of Kurokeme.

He said that the Ohoror community was deliberately plunging the Kpakama and its environ into darkness by removing the electricity power source because of their business interest.

Meanwhile, the Delta Police Public Relations Office, Celestina Kalu, while on phone to the Nigerian Tribune, on Monday, said the victim was a member of staff of the Benin Electricity Company, and that he was trying to restore light to Bomadi through a change over when he met his untimely death.

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