Commercial motorcycle rider electrocuted in Makurdi

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TRAGEDY struck on Thursday in Makurdi, Benue State, when a commercial motorcycle rider was electrocuted while conveying a lady passenger to her destination.

The incident occurred in the front of civil service commission office located on old Otukpo Road in Makinde.

Nigerian Tribune gathered from residents of the area that the motorcycle rider was conveying the passenger when he ran into a high tension wire which had fallen from electricity pole on the road.

The wire, according to a resident who simply identified himself as John, was said to have fallen off the electricity pole when it was raining on Wednesday night.

John said that the motorcyclist, in an attempt to maneuver around the fallen wire, ignored the warning by passersby not to take the road.

The resident noted that the passenger who might have sensed the danger jumped off the motorcycle.

But the commercial motorcyclist was said to have ridden over the wire but, unfortunately for him, a part of his motorcycle touched the naked wire.

He was said to have been electrocuted immediately.

It was gathered that officials of Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) removed his corpse and took it to the morgue of an undisclosed hospital.

As of the time the *Nigerian Tribune* visited the scene, officials of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) as well as the police were at the scene to control traffic.

Public Relations Officer (PRO) of NSCDC, Assistant Superintendent of Corps Adakola Peters, who confirmed the report, said as soon as the man touched the naked wire, he got completely roasted and died instantly.

He said that officials of the Jos Electricity Distribution Company (JED) were already on ground to repair the damaged pole while NSCDC officials as well as other agencies were also there to control traffic in the area.