

2 electrocuted, 4 die in Nasarawa auto crash

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A mobile phone repairer and one other person were on Wednesday electrocuted in a GSM village in Keffi, Nasarawa State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident occurred when a high tension cable fell inside the GSM village.

An eyewitness said the incident occurred when the mobile phone repairer, Junaidu Iliyasu Shaibu, was around his shop but was unaware that a live electricity cable was on the ground within the vicinity.

The source said upon coming in contact with the electricity cable, Shuaibu immediately

got electrocuted.

He said the second victim, a passerby, attempted to rescue the first victim and immediately got electrocuted as well.

The source said while the first victim died on the spot, the second victim was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre in Keffi, where he was confirmed dead by medical personnel on duty.

Officials of the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) who later arrived at the scene of the incident declined comments on the incident.

Chairman of the mobile phone repairers, Keffi branch, Mr Adamu Saidu, who ex-

pressed sadness over the deaths, said his organisation would work with relevant agencies to get to the root cause of the incident.

Police personnel from Keffi division also visited the scene of the incident, just as the deceased have been buried according to Islamic rites.

In another development, a young legal practitioner, Ezike Chiadikobi Izuchukwu, and three others died in an auto accident along the Nasarawa-Keffi Road.

It was gathered that the accident occurred when a woman, who was alleged to be making a phone call behind the wheel almost ran into an upcoming vehicle.

An eyewitness said upon noticing what was happening, and in a bid to prevent a head-on collision with the woman's car, the driver swerved off the road, which then led to loss of control and the vehicle somersaulting several times.

This, according to the eyewitness, resulted in the death of the driver and another occupant of the car.

The source further said while the vehicle was somersaulting, it crushed two other persons by the roadside.

Efforts to confirm the incident from the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) were unsuccessful as he could not be reached on phone as of the time of filing this report.