

4 Man electrocuted while trying to steal transformer cable in Osun

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A yet-to-be-identified man has been electrocuted while trying to steal electrical cable from an Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) transformer at Ogo-Oluwa area of Osogbo, the Osun State capital.

An eyewitness in the area said the deceased was tampering with the electrical cables of the transformer when electricity was restored, thereby electrocuting him.

Reacting to the incident, the Senior Communication Officer, IBEDC, Osun region, Mrs Kikelomo Owoeye, appealed to customers to be vigilant in safeguarding electrical installations within their communities against vandals.

She said, "this appeal is coming against the backdrop of the electrocution of an un-

known scrap collector whose lifeless body was found hanging on the fence of Raji Kolade 100KV, 11/0.415 Substation on Monday, August 15, 2022.

"According to a resident of Kolade Estate, along GOF area in Ogo-Oluwa, Osogbo, there was supply at about 3:47p.m., then a loud explosive sound was heard, which prompted a resident to call the technical supervisor of IBEDC, Ogo-Oluwa Service Unit, Mr Michael Oguntola, covering the area of the incident.

"In response to the call, with the aim to verify the cause of the explosive noise, the dead body of an unknown scrap collector was found hanging on the transformer fence with his burnt fingers found on the red phase of the bushing of the transformer."