

# Man electrocuted while attempting to vandalise transformer in Benue

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A man was on Saturday morning electrocuted while attempting to vandalise a transformer mounted on a pole in the Otukpo area of Benue State.

The man, whose name was given as Inalegwu Major, was said to have climbed one of the poles where the transformer was mounted to vandalise it.

The incident was said to have occurred early on Saturday as residents woke up to behold the dangling body of the vandal.

It was gathered that Major climbed one of the poles and attempted to vandalise the transformer located close to the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board office in Otukpo when he was electrocuted.

The Head of Corporate Communication of Jos Electricity Distribution Company (JEDC), Dr Adakole Elijah, who confirmed the incident, expressed shock that the victim could climb the transformer pole despite the security around the installation.

He said: "The truth is that the transformer is properly safeguarded, the transformer was mounted on poles, so, it beats my imagination that someone would climb one of the poles.

"That tells you it was deliberate, a clear case of vandalism. I'm sure he went with a very terrible motive and unfortunately, he has paid with his life," he added.

Meanwhile, the spokesperson for the state police command, Catherine Anene, could not be reached for reaction as calls made to her phone rang out.