

Aerial mast kills trader in Benin

ANGRY neighbours on Wednesday invaded a hotel in Benin City after the mast supplying satellite television programmes to the hotel collapsed and killed a young man selling compact discs in a shop in the neighbourhood.

The mast collapsed following a heavy storm that preceded a downpour that flooded most parts of the city. Unfortunately, the mast fell on the shop where the young trader was staying and crushed him to death. It also destroyed other buildings in the neighbourhood.

In anger neighbours descended on the workers of the hotel and chased them away. It was wise counsel from some more elderly neighbours that stopped some of the rampaging youths from burning down the hotel.

Nobody was available in the hotel to comment on the incident when our correspondent called. But the deceased's body had been taken to a mortuary in town awaiting post-mortem.

Police Public Relations Officer for Edo State Command, Mr. Peter Ogboi, said the matter had not been reported to him by the police formation in the area.