

Two electrocuted, four die in Nasarawa road crash

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A phone repairer and one other person have been electrocuted by a falling high tension wire at the GSM Village in the Keffi Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

The incident happened when the mobile phone repairer, Mr Junaudu Shaibu, went to pick up his tools unknown to him that a high tension wire had fallen, while the second victim, an unidentified passer-by, met his death while attempting to rescue Shaibu.

A source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told our correspondent that Shaibu died on the spot, while the second victim was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Keffi, where he was pronounced dead.

Officials of the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company, who visited the scene of the incident, declined making comments.

The Chairman, GSM Repairers, Keffi branch, Mr Adamu Saidu, who expressed worry over the incident, told our correspondent that the association would work with the relevant agencies to get to the root of the incident.

“We are tired about the lackadaisical attitude of the AEDC officials, because this is not the first time we are losing a member this way. We shall not relent in our efforts to avert a re-occurrence of the unfortunate incident; we are also working to see the possibility of providing succour for the families of the deceased,” he stated.

Policemen from the Keffi Division also visited the scene and the area had been deserted by members of the association.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the deceased had been buried in Keffi according to Islamic rites.

In another development a young legal practitioner, Ezike Izuchukwu, and three others have lost their lives in an auto crash on the Nasarawa-Keffi Road.

The accident occurred when a woman said to be making calls while driving rammed into another vehicle, which skidded off the road, leaving the driver and another occupant dead.

An eyewitness claimed that the driver of the second vehicle, in an attempt to avoid a head-on collision with the woman’s car, lost control of the vehicle, which somersaulted and crushed to death two men, who were standing by the roadside.

The state Police Public Relations Officer could not be reached on the telephone as of the time of filing this story.

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