

# 24-year-old welder electrocuted in Lagos

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A 24-year-old welder identified as Adedeji has been confirmed dead after he was electrocuted at Nnamdi Azikiwe Street on the Lagos Island area of Lagos State.

The deceased was said to have been working on the site of a two-storey building under renovation on Tuesday evening when the incident happened.

The Lagos State Police Command, while confirming this in a statement by its spokesperson, Benjamin Hundeyin, on Wednesday stated that Adedeji was engaged by his brother to work on the building.

He said while working on the second floor, Adedeji came into contact with a live electrical source, resulting in severe burns to both legs.

He added that the force of the electrocution was so strong that his burnt body was flung down to the first floor.

He however noted that the incident was reported at the Adeniji Adele Police Division by a complainant who offered them the job.

The statement read, “A complainant reported at the Adeniji Adele Division that his elder brother has a plaza at Nnamdi Azikiwe Street, Lagos Island, which is under renovation and being supervised. A welder engaged his brother, named Adedeji, aged 24, and while working, Adedeji was electrocuted.

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“Upon receiving the report, the DPO led the patrol team and detectives of the division to the scene and discovered it’s a two-storey building under renovation. The victim was on the second floor when the incident happened; his two legs were burnt off, and the burnt body was flung down to the first floor.”

The statement added that photographs were taken, and the corpse was evacuated to the Yaba General Hospital, where the doctor on duty confirmed Adedeji dead.

“The corpse was deposited at the hospital morgue for preservation and autopsy. Investigation is ongoing,” Hundeyin added.

In September, *PUNCH Metro* reported that an unidentified man was electrocuted while attempting to vandalise a transformer at a company situated on Awolowo Road in the Ikoyi area of the state.

The incident occurred in the early hours of Sunday, September 1.

The deceased had climbed the gate beside the transformer when he got struck by the electric current, fell inside the compound and died on the spot.