

Eko Electric worker electrocuted during reconnection

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A 42-year-old staff member of an electricity distribution company has been electrocuted while working in the Ebute Metta area of Lagos State.

The incident was said to have occurred on Monday at about 8:15 pm.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, in a statement obtained by PUNCH Metro on Thursday, confirmed that the victim was reconnecting and clearing faulty electrical wires at Borno Way by Ayodele Junction when the tragic accident happened.

Hundeyin stated that the victim was rescued and rushed to the hospital for treatment but was confirmed dead by the doctor on duty.

According to him, a team of detectives visited the scene, and the hospital was also visited, where the corpse was inspected, photographed, and deposited at the hospital’s morgue for autopsy.

The statement read, “On Wednesday, March 19, at about 10:15 am, a staff of an electricity distribution company reported at Yaba Division that at about 2015hrs of 17/03/25, his colleague (name withheld) ‘m’ 42, allegedly got electrocuted while reconnecting and clearing some faulty electrical wires at Borno Way by Ayodele Junction, Ebute Metta.

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“He was rescued and rushed to Federal Medical Center Ebute Metta for treatment, where he was confirmed dead by the doctor on duty. Based on the report, a team of detectives visited the scene. The hospital was also visited where the corpse was inspected and photographed.”

Hundeyin added that an investigation into the incident was ongoing.

PUNCH Metro reported that an electrician identified simply as Sheni was electrocuted while fixing some wiring connections at the UNILAG Estate in the Magodo area of Lagos State.

The tragic incident occurred at about 5 pm on New Year’s Day.

Some residents in the estate were said to have requested Sheni's service after experiencing a power outage.

The electrician thereafter mounted the pole and fixed the wiring connections when the electricity was immediately restored, electrocuting him in the process.