

# Boy, 16, electrocuted in Aba

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**A** 16-year-old boy was on Wednesday electrocuted in Aba, Abia State, as he was playing football with his mates.

The incident, which occurred around 5pm at Umuokahia, a suburb of Aba, drew sympathisers from within the vicinity.

The boy, Izuchi Victor Uduma, a secondary school student, hailed from Ohafia in Ohafia Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that the incident, which threw residents of the area into mourning, occurred when Izuchi went into a nearby bush to collect the football they were playing and mistakenly stepped on a fallen electricity cable.

According to a witness, Ikenna, "Izuchi was playing football with his friends as I was returning from work. I just crossed over from the area and, suddenly, I heard disturbing screams. The next thing I saw was his body shaking and he suddenly went cold.

"Everyone was afraid to do anything. It was so sudden. It was later that we discovered that a plantain leaf in the bush covered a naked wire that fell into the bush and part of the wire was touching the waterlogged area close the football pitch."

Efforts to reach the parents of the boy or officials of Enugu Electricity Distribution Company proved abortive.