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How Security Guard Died Siphoning Gas In Abuja

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Sunday Bulus was barely four weeks in the service of Proserv Nigeria Limited as a security guard to protect one of the telecommunication masts of a communication giant, Glo Nigeria, situated at Katampe Estate, Abuja when he met his sudden end. He died while trying to siphon what he was employed to guard, eyewitness told Inside Abuja.

The eyewitness who declined to mention his name when Inside Abuja visited the location of the mast which was under lock and key after the incident revealed that Bulus who hailed from Nasarawa State fell inside the 5000 litres gas tank meant to power the CAT generator while attempting to use a gallon to take some gas.

Though it was gathered that the company had deployed a replacement for the dead security guard, there was no one to talk to Inside Abuja at the scene . According to him, the security guard had succeeded in filling

a gallon but accidentally fell into the tank which was full of gas when he made effort to fill a second gallon.

“When he fell inside the tank, there was nobody around to help him out,” he said. His lifeless body, he said, was discovered in the tank three days later by an engineer assigned to carry out maintenance on the generating set. “He fell into the tank on Sunday October 16, but when the engineer came on Wednesday, October 19 to service the generator, he met the gate to the mast opened and there was no one around.

“It was when he looked around that he realised there was something inside the tank. He used a stick to touch it, it got broken and then used an iron rod and discovered it was a human body. So he shouted and people around came,” he narrated. But Bulus swollen body could not be brought out of the tank until men of the Federal Capital Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) were called.

The Search and Rescue team of FEMA that retrieved the remains of the security guard had to cut the trunk of the tank open before he could be brought out. According to the Director General of the agency, Alhaji Abbas Idris, the Search and Rescue Unit of FEMA got a distress call by 8:15a.m. on Wednesday, October 19 from the 112 Control Room. According to him, the guard was said to have been diverting diesel from a tank when he accidentally fell in and got drowned. “The diesel is meant to power the generator assigned to the Globalcom mast in case of power outage,” he said in a statement.

The corpse, he said, was evacuated and deposited at Asokoro General Hospital. Further findings revealed that Proserv Nigeria Limited was incorporated in November 1992 and licensed as a Private Guard Service Company in August 1993. The company commenced business in January 1993 with an authorised share capital of N10 million and a paid up capital of N4 million. Its business are static security guards system, escort and VIP protection, supply and maintenance of security/ safety equipment.

However, the company which appears to be in charge of protecting most of the Glo Masts in Abuja is finding it hard to pay salaries of its workers after 23 years of operation. A staff of the company assigned to guard another mast in the nation's capital said the company currently owes its workers three months' salary.

“If this month ends, it will be four months that they are owing us. And if they pay one month now, we don't know when the remaining one will be paid,” said the security guard who did not give his name as he was not authorised to speak to the press. A security guard in Proserv receives N14,000 as monthly salary.

“It was hunger that drove the boy to the act. They are owing us three months and they are paying us N14,000 as salary every month. If this month ends now, it will be four months,” he said. The security guard who also lamented poor working conditions at the security outfit said he purchased torch light and sometimes padlocks to secure his duty post with his personal money.