

Nursing mother electrocuted

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A nursing mother, Mrs. Onyeka Anene, was electrocuted at Ogwashi-Uku in Aniocha South Local Government Area of Delta State. The victim, a mother of four, died in the early hours of yesterday after the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) energised the town 10 years after total blackout.

A witness said 10 other persons, including the victim's husband, children, housemaid and neighbours, would have been killed when the electricity cables bridged. "There was a spark in the high tension cables. We believe there must have been a bridge somewhere on the high tension lines.

The spark from the cables almost burnt the POCO Petrol Station. "The mattress of another victim in a building close to where the woman was electrocuted was burning and could have burnt the building if not for the presence of the people living in the house.

They were the ones who combat the fire with water," the witness said. Anene's neighbour, who identified herself as Mama Chinedu, said it was the deceased who alerted others that the electric wires, which connected their flat, had bridged and were burning.

"When her neighbours came to switch off their junction box, the deceased had left with her four children who she was taking to school. Shortly after she dropped the baby (her last son) who was on her back, as she was about to open the gate to their flat, she was electrocuted."

Anene's neighbours could not help, until those who came with dried wood knocked her down. She was rushed to the General Hospital. But she was confirmed dead at the St. Luke Hospital in Asaba. Her body had been deposited