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Cable thief electrocuted in Benue

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A suspected cable thief was on Friday night electrocuted at Woihyev at Mbatyerev in Gboko Local Government Area of Benue State. The vandal got electrocuted while trying to steal cables from a transformer donated by the House of Representatives member for Gboko/Tarka constituency, Hon. John Dyegh.

A Facebook user, Isaac Pedro, who shared the pictures of the thief from the scene of the incident, said the man got electrocuted when he climbed the pole to disconnect the cables.

He said: "The man climbed an electricity pole to vandalise the cables and was electrocuted when there was an electricity spark in the night at the transformer. "The next thing was a sound of people running away from the scene. They didn't bother to go there because the transformer was disconnected by the Jos Electricity Distribution (JED) company.
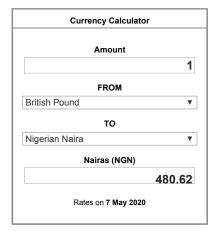
"Early this morning (on Friday), a woman who woke up to go in search of water, started shouting for people to come out and see the body of a man on the electric poles. "The criminal had dug out the armoured cable and climbed up to disconnect it from the National Grid. It was in the course of this that he met his untimely death." Some of the villagers told New Telegraph that the suspect was not known in their community

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