

Police officer electrocuted on tree in Abuja

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There was confusion yesterday in the Garki Area of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) when the body of a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) was found on top of a tree.

The CSP, Lasaka Habila, was suspected to have been electrocuted by a high voltage current from the high tension wires above the tree.

A witness said a machete and branches of trees already cut were found beside the tree located close to the headquarters of the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), Garki, Abuja.

The Director-General (DG), Federal Capital Ter-



ritory Emergency Management Authority (FEMA), Alhaji Idriss Abbas, said the victim was found stuck to the tree and was brought down by the Search and Rescue Team of the FCT Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Abbas, who expressed

shock over the unfortunate death, warned that residents should desist from felling trees without the permission of the FCT Parks and Recreation Department.

The FEMA boss also cautioned that people should be wary of trees under or close to electrical installations, especially those that have overgrown.

He noted that in this period of rainy season, most trees would bloom and come in contact with electricity cables which might transmit high currents through the leaves and branches.

The DG said the victim was taken to the National Hospital by the FEMA Search and Rescue Team where he was confirmed dead.