

Brutalised IE workers yet to restore power to Air Force Base, Ikeja —Spokesman

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Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) has not restored power supply to Sam Ethnan Air Force Base, Ikeja, Head, Corporate Communications, Ikeja Electric Plc, (IE) Mr. Kingsley Okorie, has said.

Okorie said in an interview with Saturday Telegraph yesterday that the IE workers, who were brutalised by some Air Force personnel, were still attending to their health.

He said: "It is not true that we are about to restore light to that barracks. Those agreements on Friday were conditional now. They visited to also see the damage that was done.

"Where we are is that, as I speak to you now, we have not reconnected because the staffs that will even reconnect the light were seriously beaten by military officers. They never paid any money as at this morning. The staffs are still taking care of themselves in the hospital."

He explained that top Air Force officials visited the corporate headquarters of IE yesterday.

Okotie said: "That wasn't an agreement. It's just that the people, who came were superior to those who did whatever that was done. They came to assure us that they would bring the perpetrators of the act to book. The officers appealed to us to be calm. They also sympathized with those who were

injured.

"As I'm talking to you now, I don't have a laptop to work with. So many things were carted away.

"My phone is lost. I'm limping. I can't even walk; I am not in the office. They have tactically paralysed the business with their actions. We have not restored light, forget all the stories they are spreading."

The Air Officer Commanding (AOC) Logistics Command, Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Adeniran Kolade Ademuwagun, reportedly condemned the attack and assured that those responsible would face disciplinary measures.

He described the invasion as "unfortunate," and assured that the Nigerian

Air Force remained committed to upholding discipline among its personnel and ensuring that officers operate under strict professional conduct.

He said: "We will investigate what happened and impose appropriate sanctions. The Nigerian Air Force takes the safety of citizens very seriously, and Ikeja Electric should continue to provide services without fear."

The Chairman of Ikeja Electric, Kola Adesina, said that at least 10 staffs of the company were brutalized, while some of the assets of the company were vandalised or taken away.

He said: "About 200 staff were on-site when the incident occurred. Reports confirmed that 10 individuals were brutalized, and several office assets were destroyed or removed.