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Power Holding Company of Nigeria Plc has threatened to throw the entire Ogun and Lagos states into total darkness indefinitely, following the gruesome murder of Marketing Manager of PHCN, Akute under Ikeja District. Meanwhile, the Police in Ogun State who commenced investigation into the incident, arrested four people including a woman suspected to be the arrow heads of those who have perpetrated the killing.

It will be recalled that the Akute, PHCN Marketing Manager, Mr. Ademola Adetola was on Tuesday during the Nigeria- Belgium Olympic match attacked along side other staff of PHCN, which claimed his life while others sustained serious injuries.

The National General Secretary of the association of PHCN employees, Comrade Joe Ajaero while addressing aggrieved members of the union who converged at the Ikeja Distribution Zone, Alausa in solidarity protest, said the blackout would be carried out for one month in the first instance.

Ajaero who condemned the act described the act as "barbaric and unwarranted."

According to Ajaero, the blackout was meant to be a warning sign to the authorities over the insecurity of their members in the discharge of their duties as well as ensuring that the culprits are brought to justice.

"For this act we are directing you to cut out light supply to Akute district and its environs for one month and if there is no sign of improvement on security it shall be extended to the entire Lagos and Ogun states indefinitely," Ajaero directed.

He, however, accused the Federal Government and police authorities of not responding to several letters and petitions written to them over the spate of attacks on PHCN staff and the need to provide adequate security.

"We do not deserve this treatment from the public as this is happening at a period we are trying to perfect plans to provide 16 to 18 hours supply of electricity to the populace.

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A LESSON FOR ALL

Written by [Mike Obob](#), on 21-08-2008 11:25 , IP: 82.206.136.60

It is a pity that PHCN staff lost his life,the killers must be brought to book,The manager in charge of the PHCN centre should have understand that the only thing that keep the average Nigerian going is some refreshing sports news and the time for the so call disconnection was uncalled for,because aside our religion,Sports,expecially Good FOOTBALL results makes us all happy,they should not compound their problem by blacking out my brothers and sisters in Lagos.May the soul of the departed rest in peace

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PHCN

Written by [Bee Ekus](#), on 21-08-2008 12:10 , IP: 80.88.158.43

Truly sorry about the death of your colleague but what a thing to say, "For this act we are directing you to cut out light supply to Akute district and its environs for one month and if there is no sign of improvement on security it shall be extended to the entire Lagos and Ogun states indefinitely," Ajaero directed." Do you deserve to be praise with this statement of yours, apparently you have been very happy with the blackout situation in Lagos where you collect money for services not rendered. Clap for yourself Mr.Ajaero.

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PHCN and Darkness

Written by [obi adimaly](#), on 21-08-2008 07:28 , IP: 82.45.214.49

So this company has revealed its true colours. Darkness does not come to Nigeria because of insufficient power or faulty plants but because PHCN wields power not given to it by law - the power to cut off electricity at will. The President should review its rule of law agenda. How many deaths of innocent people have armed robbers, the police, reckless drivers and armed forces perpetrated in Nigeria and who have offered reprisals? PHCN threatens to cut off light in Lagos and Ogun states because of the killing of its staff. Who can challenge them? Go on do as you please, it can only happen in Nigeria.

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TWO WRONGS DO NOT MAKE A RIGHT!

Written by [Sam Ola](#), on 21-08-2008 12:53 , IP: 41.211.232.2

This is totally backward! Why would a public office holder be subjected to such gruesome end?! We need a lot of prayers in this countr. Please pray for Nigeria.

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Written by [adebayo oladipupo](#), on 21-08-2008 14:03 , IP: 62.173.49.83

all these comments are foul comments,govt cannot not do anything,when highly respected politician died what about his investigation,what have they done about it if its true he hadn't mention any hard words with this fellow people they might not have lynch him to death anyway let them go on with the investigation and they should forget about putting the whole city into black-out

thnks

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PHCN THREAT: BRAINLESS & PRIMITIVE

Written by [martins](#), on 21-08-2008 12:23 , IP: 77.57.195.218

It is quite sad that this PHCN Official has to die these way; but it is never a solution to even think of deliberately or indeliberately throwing the masses into darkness. These will only lead to more attacks. Currently the Masses have suffered enough from the senseless payment of PHCN Bills and not enjoying what they are paying for. Although it is Barbaric for some angry people to take laws into their hands; This is no time to be thinking Brainlessly und Primitively. The Best is to allow the Police to do their Job.

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killing of PHCN staff.Written by [ESEOSA JOHN](#), on 21-08-2008 10:39 , IP: 134.151.34.244


I find the threat of PHCN very ridiculous. How can PHCN threaten to throw the entire Lagos into darkness because a staff of theirs was gruesomely murdered? As much as i condemn the spate of unwarranted killings in our country and sympathise with the families of the bereaved, i do not believe that punishing the entire Lagosians is the right way to resolving the issue. Afterall PHCN staff who reside in Lagos will suffer as well which amounts to double tragedy for them.

I guess they should allow the police to investigate and come out with their findings rather than take the laws into their hands. I hope they are aware that their act can be deemed as an act of sabotage?

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