

# Six electrocuted while watching Chelsea/Roma match

**SIX** fans were electrocuted on Wednesday in Eket, Akwa Ibom, while watching a UEFA Champions' League match between Chelsea and AS Roma at a viewing centre, the (News Agency of Nigeria NAN) reports.

Sources said 11 others were seriously injured and are receiving treatment in various hospitals in the town.

Four of them are on danger list.

Police spokesman in Akwa Ibom, Mr Gabriel Mgbani, confirmed the incident in a telephone interview with NAN.

According to an eyewitness, the incident occurred when a high tension cable fell on the building in which the fans were watching the game.

The viewing centre, located at 94 Iduia Road on the outskirts of Eket, is directly under a high tension line, a NAN correspondent reports.

Emem Archibong, a resident of Iduia Road, said she saw seven bodies after the incident but po-

lice sources in Eket put the death toll at six.

Some of the victims were buried on Thursday, while the remains of one of them, who could not be identified, were deposited at the morgue of Immanuel General Hospital, Eket.

Mr Mfom Johnson, who lives in the neighbourhood, told NAN that he went to the viewing centre but could not watch the match as the place was filled to capacity. "I went there to watch the champions league game but when they told me to pay I refused because there was no where to sit down, there were so many people so I left," he said.

The Chief Medical Director of Immanuel General Hospital declined comments and referred all enquiries to the Hospital Management Board in Uyo.

Efforts to speak with the proprietor of the viewing centre were unsuccessful as he was said to be making arrangements for the burial of his cousin who was a victim.