

Power outage: Man electrocuted in Delta

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UGHELLI—A middle-aged man has been electrocuted in Ughelli, Delta State, while trying to fix a faulty cable supplying electricity from a new generation bank to his house.

There had been power outage in Ughelli and its environs since November 30, following the breakdown of the 500 MVA Step-down transformer, which supplied electricity to the area.

Residents of the area had accused the management of Pow-

er Holding Company of Nigeria, PHCN, of being indifferent to the faulty transformer.

The deceased, who sold the land to the bank, it was gathered, had been granted permission by the bank to power his house from its power generating plant, since the town had been thrown into darkness by PHCN.

According to a dependable source, the deceased had passed the cables to his house underground, from the bank situated on Market Road in the metropolis.

Speaking on condition anonymity, the source said the deceased detected a leakage from the electrical connection in his house weekend, adding, "the deceased traced the fault to the area where the cables were buried and was excavating the soil, when his shovel ripped open the rubber coating of the wire and was electrocuted.

"The deceased died as he was being rushed in his car to the hospital for medical attention."