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Three-year-old boy, mother electrocuted in Benue

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MAKURDI— A three-year-old boy, Terfa Kor, and his mother, Nguwasen Kor, were yesterday, electrocuted in a bush at Lessel town, in Ushongo Local Government Area of Benue State.

Vanguard gathered from an eyewitness that the boy had gone to a nearby bush, around the old Union Bank area of the town, to defecate when he attempted to pick up a live electricity cable pulled down the previous night by windstorm.

The eyewitness said: "He was electrocuted the moment he touched the cable. His scream attracted his mother, who was standing afar.

"His mother also dashed to where her son was, and ignorant of what happened, grabbed him and also got electrocuted."

The source said the death toll would have been higher but for the quick intervention of a passerby, who stopped some onlookers from attempting to rescue mother and child.

The eyewitness said: "Some other women, who did not understand what had happened, attempted to rescue the victims but for a man who understood the situation.

"He chased them away from the scene with stones, before the area electricity company was alerted and the remains of the mother and child removed and deposited in a mortuary.

When contacted, Benue State Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Superintendent Daniel Ezeala, said he was yet to receive details of the incident.

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