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5 Private guard electrocuted 24 hours after getting job

By Evelyn Usman

TRAGEDY struck, yesterday, at River Valley Estate in Ojudu Berger area of Lagos, when a private guard was electrocuted 24 hours after he was employed.

The deceased, whose identity was not disclosed, was said to be manning the gate of the estate, when an electric pole fell at 6.30a.m. Eyewitnesses said he mistakenly stepped on naked wires.

Vanguard gathered that none, out of fear, came to his rescue.

A resident, Josiah Maxwell, said: "I was driving out of the estate when I saw people gathered. I stopped to find out what was happening, only to see a young man, who was clad in a red shirt and black knickers shaking on the ground.

"I concluded he was epileptic and drove off, only to be told later that he was electrocuted."

Another resident, Mrs Majekodunmi, said: "He would not have died had help come on time. None could go close to him. Besides, it was raining.

"A man suggested that a dried stick be brought to hit him, but the one that was brought was wet. Other guards in the estate came around, but none dared to go near him.

"He would also not have fallen victim of such bizarre incident had power been restored over night. That way, he could have seen the wire that snapped while it was raining.

"We suspect that power was restored immediately he stepped on the wire. Nobody knows his name because he was only employed on Monday."

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