

Oshodi:Grandma electrocuted by median street light pole

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The Ajayi family of Ayete, Okeho, Oyo State are mourning after one of their own, Fasilat Omogbojubola Ajayi, was electrocuted on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

The 60-year-old petty trader was resident in Aguda, Surulere, [Lagos](#), before she moved to her personal apartment at Ogungbade area of Ifo, Ogun State but due to the [economic situation](#) in the country, she retained her shop in Aguda and this kept her shuttling between Lagos and Ogun States. She was on her way home that fateful Tuesday when she was electrocuted at Oshodi.

As Sunday Vanguard later gathered, the deceased left her shop at about 9.30pm and headed for Oshodi with her grandchild, Lateef, to board a bus to Sango enroute to Ifo.



Under normal circumstances, she was expected to make use of one of the pedestrian bridges at Oshodi before accessing the Sango/Ifo route but because night was approaching and there was inadequate security on the bridges, she chose to dash across the road and, in the process, accidentally, had body contact with one of the street light poles and was electrocuted on the spot. Passersby, it was learnt, rescued her but she gave up the ghost on her way to hospital.

Fasilat has since been buried according to Muslim rites but the psychological pains inflicted on her family by the death lingers as a source in the family said her death had created a vacuum.

At her residence, a family member said the deceased, popularly called “Mama Sule”, was a source of assistance to her extended family and her death was a great loss to all. “Mama was a hardworking and dedicated woman who single handedly built a house which she moved into in 2017. She had been telling us how strenuous it was to shuttle in-between two states as a woman. Some of her grandchildren came all the way from Port Harcourt to spend the last holiday with her and she returned them [last weekend](#) unknown to many that it was their last meeting. The news of her death was broken midnight and this has kept us in darkness”, the family member said.

The [grandson](#) of the deceased, Lateef, 15, who was with her but not hurt in the incident, was said to have contacted other relations on phone and broke the news to them and the body was immediately moved to Onihale for burial according to Islamic rites which took place last Wednesday.

As of Thursday, pedestrians were seen making use of the bridges at Oshodi to avoid similar occurrence while law enforcement agents were on ground to do the needful but it could not be ascertained if the affected pole had been repaired.

In the course of Sunday Vanguard visit to Oshodi, it was discovered that some electricity cables were exposed.

At the time of filing this report, the incident was generating controversy among pedestrians especially in Oshodi and environs.

Some blamed the deceased for violating regulation by crossing the road without using pedestrian [bridge](#) while others blamed government for inadequate security in the area.