

Man electrocuted while cleaning tank in Delta

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A 28-year-old man, Mr Elijah Etsemiju, was reportedly electrocuted, Wednesday, while cleaning a water tank in Ojolu, a suburb in Sapele, Delta State.

A source close to the family, who begged not to be mentioned, told Vanguard that Etsemiju, who was also a part-time pastor, was asked to clean the tank by his friend.

"They were in the process of doing so when the water tank

fell on top of an electric wire, that snapped and he was electrocuted. Etsemiju was taken to a private hospital where he died later in the day.

A neighbour, who simply called himself Eno and claimed to have witnessed the accident, said Etsemiju came with two people and when the accident happened, he (Etsemiju) was rushed to the hospital, where he later died, the other two were bundled to the police station.

Etsemiju was said to have lost his mother last December

and was preparing for the burial when the accident happened

All attempt to confirm the incident from the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, Onome Onovwakpoyeya, was in vain, as her lines were not connecting but a police officer with the Sapele main station, who craved anonymity, confirmed to Vanguard that "they reported the incident on Wednesday, it was an accident and we have asked the families involved to find a way out."