

UNIUYO

electrician dies of electrocution, another hospitalised

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UYO—The University of Uyo, UNIUYO, Akwa Ibom State was, yesterday, thrown into confusion as two of its electricians were electrocuted.

It was gathered that one of the victims, Michael Udosen, a contract staff of the university, died on the spot while his colleague, Effiong Joseph, is still lying unconscious after being rushed to the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, UUTH, where he is currently receiving treatment.

An eyewitness told *Vanguard* that the incident occurred while the two electricians were trying to reconnect an armoured cable that had earlier been vandalised near the English Language Laboratory at the Town campus.

The eyewitness, a student, who simply identified herself as Christy, said it was unfortunate that power was restored while the two staff were working.

She said: "I saw one of them fell from the pole and the second person was still up. And when people saw that they were electrocuted they became scared to go close to the area.

"Some people came and immediately rushed the one that fell to the hospital. But the one hanging on the pole died on the spot."

When newsmen visited the scene of the incident, some management staff of the institution had gathered and expressed concern over the root cause, describing the incident as unfortunate.