

## 4 electrocuted, 4 others injured in midnight electric sparks

FOUR people were electrocuted while four others sustained injuries yesterday following a midnight electric spark that swept through Gizagwai village in Manchok, Kaura Local Government Area, Kaduna State.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that among those killed was a couple, Titus Shemang and his wife. Also killed was Abba Kato, Chairman of the Manchok Chapter of the Commercial Cyclists

Associations, as well as one Isaac Jatau.

Former Editor-In-Chief of NAN, Mr Shehu Abui, a traditional ruler in Moroa Chieftdom, said that the incident resulted from "massive electric sparks" after a high tension wire snapped on a low tension one.

"The entire community is in deep shock; community and religious leaders have joined us at Gizagwai and we have been trying to console relations and well wishers," Abui said.

Abui, who said that members of the Traditional Council had been conducted round the affected areas by the District Head of Gizagwai, Mr Joshua Damina, said that the corpses of three of the victims had been deposited at the Kafanchan General Hospital.

"One other corpse has been taken to the Rural Hospital, Kaura," he added.

Damina told NAN that the high tension distribution line from Kaura fell on the lower tension lines in Gizagwai,

resulting in a generation of "intense current", which caused a massive spark.

"Unfortunately, the residents tried to separate the lines and that resulted in the ugly incident."

NAN learnt that the couple killed in the incident died together after the wife tried to extricate him from the current-carrying wires.

Mr Joe Truman, Secretary of the Moroa Traditional Council, confirmed the incident, and described it as a "very sad and unfortunate for the entire chieftdom".

"We are deep in mourning and it is difficult to talk," he told NAN.