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6 DIE AS HIGH-VOLTAGE CABLE FALLS ON HOUSES AT GWAGWA

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Residents of Gwagwa in the Abuja Municipal Area Council were thrown into mourning on Monday when a high-voltage wire fell on two houses, killing six people from two families.

They were said to have been electrocuted to death on the spot.

A witness said the incident which occurred around midnight, involved six persons - a man, his wife and their 7-year-old daughter, as well as another couple and their visitor. He said they were fast asleep that fateful day when a high tension wire fell on top of the roof of their houses and electrocuted the entire house, leading to their death.

According to the witness, the neighbours raised alarm which attracted other residents, who immediately moved the bodies to the Kubwa General hospital.

Reacting, the Head, Accident and Emergency Unit of the hospital, Paul Oliseh, said the bodies of the deceased were brought to the hospital by a police officer and were subsequently certified dead.

He said the corpses had already been deposited at the hospital morgue by the relatives.

When contacted, Gwagwa Divisional Police Officer, Superintendent Mathew Okafor, confirmed the incident but declined further comments.

At the FCT police command, its spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel, also confirmed the incident which she said happened during a heavy down pour.

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