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COUPLE DIES WHILE SAVING NEIGHBOURS FROM BURNING ROOM AT SULEJA



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A housewife, Mrs. Stella Odiase and her Husband, Mr. Emmanuel Odiase, lost their lives on Thursday, in Suleja, while trying to help a neighbour whose room was on fire.

Family sources at the deceased persons house in Habu Dagachi area of Morocco Road, Suleja, told City News that the fire, which allegedly developed from an electrical spark after power was restored in the area, affected part of their neighbour's room before it was put off.

Younger brother of the late woman informed our reporter that the couple had earlier succeeded in rescuing the neighbour's son from the burning room, and were walking away when the late Mrs. Stella Odiase, stepped on an exposed electrical wire, believed to have been cut by the spark, and got electrocuted.

He said her husband, who was not aware of what made his wife to fall down, rushed and attempted to lift her up, only to be electrocuted, also, and he died instantly.

According to our source, no one, thereafter, attempted to go near the dead couple until an electrician was called in, who disconnected some wires from the electrical pole outside. The dead people were taken to the Suleja General hospital, where the wife was also pronounced dead on arrival.

He said that although the family was not blessed with children, there were two children under their care, who were siblings to the late woman and some of their other relations.

"They are from Edo State and the man was a trader at IBB market, Suleja, while his wife was managing a provision store attached to their house," the source said.

City News learnt that the remains of the couple were deposited at the Suleja General Hospital's morgue, while people continued to pay condolence visits when our reporter visited their home yesterday.

When contacted, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Suleja 'A' Division, confirmed the incidence, saying investigation has commenced on it.

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