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2-year-old electrocuted at Gwagwalada

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A 2-year-old child was electrocuted on Tuesday morning at Anguwar Dodo, a community in Gwagwalada Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), after her elder sister who was carrying her on her back unknowingly touched a naked electric cable.

City News gathered that the child's sister, a 6-year-old girl, survived with severe burns. She

was rushed to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (UATH), Gwagwalada for treatment.

A witness said the incident happened at about 8:12 a.m. after electricity was restored to the area.

The two sisters were said to have unknowingly touched a naked electricity wire lying on the ground.

"The 2-year-old girl was on the back by her sister who not knowing that NEPA people

have restored light touched a naked wire which shocked both of them and eventually led to the death of the 2-year-old girl," he said.

He alleged that officials of the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company were in the area on Monday to disconnect electric cable connected to a house, adding that a wire must have been abandoned in the process.

"In fact after the NEPA people disconnected the light some residents asked them to hang

the wires, but they ignored us and abandoned the wires on the ground until electricity was restored on Tuesday," he added.

City News gathered that the incident, ignited protest among some youths in the area, who invaded and vandalized property at the office of the electricity distribution company in the area.

It took the joint efforts of the police and some soldiers to disperse the angry youths.

Efforts to get reactions of

the branch manager of the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company over the incident were unsuccessful, but one of the staff who craved anonymity said the matter was reported to the police and management of the company.

The Gwagwalada Divisional Police Officer could not be reached, as he did not pick calls put across to him, but an officer at the station who confirmed the incident, said the matter is under investigation.

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