

Transformer Bursts Into Flames, Electrocutes 10 In Plateau

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RESIDENTS of Kabong community in Gada Biyu District of Jos North Local Council of Plateau State were thrown into mourning yesterday as no fewer than 10 persons were electrocuted by a power transformer that caught fire in the area.

The area popularly called Kabong Central, a bubbling and bustling enclave within Gada Biyu, woke up to the devastating disaster, which left several others injured, around 2:00am yesterday.

The residents explained that there was a power outage around 10.00pm last Friday but when it was restored around 2.00am yesterday, the voltage was too high, hence

the explosion.

"The catastrophe originated from an unforeseen explosion in a nearby transformer, triggering a ferocious fire that quickly engulfed the vicinity. Simultaneously, the blast sent shock waves throughout the area, causing widespread panic and fear among the residents," an eyewitness said.

The eyewitness, who pleaded anonymity, said that apart from the deaths recorded, numerous houses and shops were in ruins with property worth millions of naira also destroyed.

Another resident lamented that the situation has plunged the community into a state of mourning.