

Expectant mum, five others electrocuted in Rivers community



Midnight power surge have wreaked havoc in Ogan Ama and Fibesima Ama communities in Okrika Local Government Area of **Rivers State**, claiming the lives of an expectant motherw, a worker with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), and another.

The incident also razed a home and affected at least five others.

There are, however, conflicting reports over the casualty.

But, in a telephone interview, the spokesperson of the Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, a Superintendent of Police, confirmed that two men died.

The Sole Administrator of the local government area, Tamunobipiboye Isodiki, blamed the incident on the use of substandard cables and poor connection.

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Speaking shortly after touring the scene, Isodiki called on the management of Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution company (PHEDC) to upgrade their cables, high and low tension and equipment to avoid future disaster.

He charged the power firm on vigilance and need for increased efficiency to safeguard lives and property of their consumers.

Isodiki said: "It is obvious that the surge is caused by low quality cable, improper wiring and very poor connections."

Trouble started when the 11 KVA Line supplying power to distribution lines snapped and fell on the lower line causing the surge.