

3 Power surge kills three, destroys property in Gombe

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A suspected power surge from the national grid has claimed the lives of a middle-aged woman and her daughter in Gombe.

Another person also died, just as many other residents lost valuables worth millions of naira.

The incident occurred when a feeder transformer exploded due to power surge at Tumfure

community in Akko Local Government Area of Gombe State, a settlement close to Gombe metropolis, on Bauchi road.

It was gathered that a strong wind blew a high tension cable which fell on the service line that powers the transformer, thereby, causing a power surge in the area.

The woman, identified as Mrs Patrick, was said to have woken up following

the sudden power surge to switch off her refrigerator, but suffered electrocution.

Her daughter, who went to touch her body, was also electrocuted.

Another person, Andrew Yaro, was killed in a similar way while trying to switch off electrical gadgets within the neighborhood, just as a house on the same street belonging to one Pastor Solomon Ayanwale, went up in flames.

The incident was confirmed by the authorities of the Gombe office of the Jos Electricity Distribution Company (JEDC), which regretted the development and sympathised with the families of the victims.

The state governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, on Wednesday visited Tumfure quarters in the metropolis, where he commiserated with the families of the victims.