Four-year-old boy electrocuted

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A four-year-old boy, Arafat Jibrin, has been electrocuted to death in Minna, Niger State.

The incident occurred at the Senior Quarters of the Federal Low Cost Housing Estate in Maikunkele, close to Minna, the capital, on Thursday evening.

According to an eyewitness, the victim was said to have gone in search of his sister, who had gone to fetch water some 500 meters from their residence.

It was gathered that while search for her, he strayed into an electric transformer and was instantly electrocuted.

It was said that a man, who was passing by at the time saw the boy and raised the alarm.

However, our correspondent learnt that by the time help reached the little child, he had been burnt beyond recognition.

City Round gathered that his corpse had been buried according to Islamic rite.

Public Relations Officer of Abuja Electricity Development Company, Adamu Muhammad, confirmed the incident, describing it as unfortunate.

Muhammad said the Managing Director of the AEDC had already dispatched a delegation led by one Sule Muhammad to pay a condolence visit to the family of the deceased.

He said, "We were in the residence of the family on Friday morning to condole with them and pray for the repose of the departed soul."