



Two teenage siblings electrocuted in Lagos

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The area

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Two yet-to-be-identified teenage siblings have tragically lost their lives after stepping on an exposed electricity cable belonging to the Eko Electricity Distribution Company in the Barracks area of Satellite Town in Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the incident happened on Sunday. Our correspondent gathered that the cable fell to the ground on Saturday afternoon, while efforts to fix it were unsuccessful.

A resident, who identified himself simply as Afeez, told our correspondent that the deceased children who were aged 13 and 15 years were heading to buy an item the following day at a nearby shop in the community when they accidentally stepped on the cable.

Afeez said the siblings were electrocuted in the process, adding that efforts to revive them afterwards proved abortive.



The resident said, “A 415 cable belonging to the Eko Electricity Distribution Company fell at about 3:45 pm on Saturday. When the residents in the area discovered this, they immediately moved to get it fixed by reaching out to the officials of the company at Onireke Barracks but there was no response from them. They had to leave it there till the following day.

“Meanwhile, two children of the same parents who were sent on an errand mistakenly stepped on the cable on Sunday and were electrocuted on the spot. Those who rushed to the scene tried to revive them before taking them to the hospital where they were confirmed dead.”

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The incident was said to have been reported at the Onireke police station.

Another resident, Tolu Ayeni, who spoke to *PUNCH Metro*, said the incident sparked protest in the community on Monday.

“The youths and some leaders in the community trooped out this morning to protest the death of the children. They also took the protest to the office of the EKEDC. The zonal manager of the company has been invited by the police for questioning.”

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, said he was not aware of the incident.

“I am not aware. I will get back to you as soon as I get any information on that,” he said.

The Zonal Manager of EKEDC, Afeez Arogundade, could not be reached as calls made to his mobile phone did not connect. A text message sent to him had yet to be replied to as of the time this report was filed.

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