



EKEDC probes electrocution of two teenage siblings

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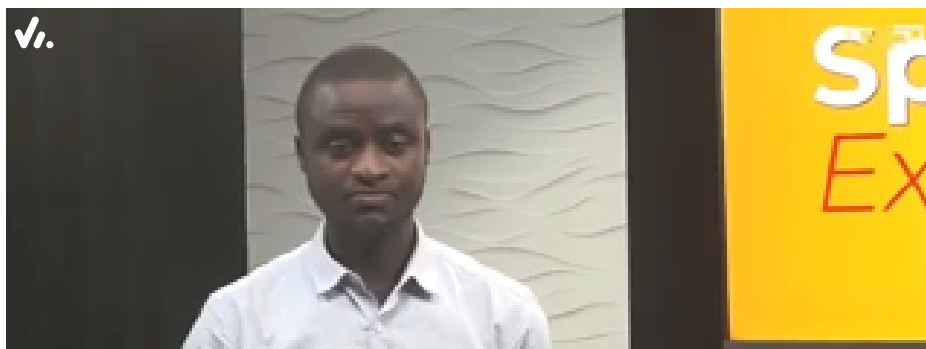
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The Eko Electricity Distribution Company says it is investigating the incident that led to the electrocution of two teenage siblings at Abule Oshun waterside in the Satellite Town area of Lagos State on Sunday.

The company also commiserated with the families of the deceased victims and the entire community over the incident.

PUNCH Metro reported that the teenage siblings tragically lost their lives after stepping on an exposed electricity cable belonging to the EKEDC.

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 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 EKEDC General Manager, Corporate Communications, Babatunde Lasaki, in a statement, on Tuesday, stated that the company was committed to supporting the bereaved family during this difficult time.

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The statement read, “Eko Electricity Distribution Company commiserates with the family of the deceased and the entire Abule Oshun Waterside community, Satellite Town over the sad and tragic passing of the two teenagers who came in contact with a snapped 0.415KVA LV line on Sunday, May 19, 2024. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and everyone affected by this unfortunate incident.

“In the wake of this, the EKEDC is fully committed to supporting the bereaved family during this difficult time. We are reaching out to the family to offer our deepest sympathies and provide the necessary assistance required to preserve their beloved memories. We are dedicated to standing by them and ensuring they have the support they need.”

Lasaki added that the electricity distribution company was taking immediate and comprehensive actions to avert future incidents and allay fears.

He added that the company was taking overarching steps to prevent recurrence by launching a franchise area-wide audit of all their infrastructure to ensure the highest safety standards were met.

According to him, the audit will focus on identifying and rectifying potential hazards that could endanger lives and property within the service areas.

“Our priority remains the safety and well-being of our customers. We are committed to implementing necessary improvements and safeguards to prevent such an accident from happening again. We have also launched an investigation into the probable cause(s) of this unforeseen occurrence and ask for the community’s support and patience. We will update the public upon the completion of the investigation,” the statement added.

