

# Midnight power surge kills 11 in Kaduna

From **Sola Ojo**, Kaduna

**ELEVEN** residents of several communities in the Gwargwaje area of Zaria Local Government Area of Kaduna State have reportedly lost their lives to a midnight

power surge.

A media source quoted the Zaria Area Officer of the Kaduna State Fire Service, Malam Umar Muhammad, to have confirmed the fatality figure in Zaria yesterday. Umar said the incident

occurred around 1am yesterday and one house was razed, some business premises were destroyed, while the survivors were receiving medical attention in various hospitals.

Head, Corporate Communication, Kaduna Electric, Abdulazeez Abdullahi, in a statement, expressed sadness over the unfortunate development.

He said the preliminary investigations revealed that the incident occurred as a result of high-tension line snap on the low-tension line, which resulted in a voltage supply outside limits.

He added that to minimise the damage, the source feeder was immediately opened in an emergency to avoid further damages.

"Kaduna Electric is deeply saddened by the unfortunate incident at about 0142hrs today, affecting customers on our Police Barracks Distribution Transformer in Gwargwaje, Zaria.

"Preliminary investigation revealed the accident was as a result of a high tension line snap onto the low tension line, which resulted in voltage supply outside limits.

"The source feeder was immediately opened in an emergency to avoid further damage.

"We will continue to monitor the situation closely and communicate the facts of this regrettable incident. We express our deepest sympathies to families who have encountered losses as a result of this accident.

"We are grateful to His Royal Highness, Ambassador Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli, Emir of Zazzau, for his support to all in managing the effects of the accident," he said.

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est minimum for people to do their jobs. You're on the way. Don't relent. We'll defeat them hands down," he said.

The IGP said efforts were being made to address the security issues in the region. He called on the people to always assist the police with relevant information to be able to achieve the set target.

"There are challenges, particularly in the South East,

of which Anambra is one. It might be the boiling point; the most or the second. But your determination to live together, to surmount these challenges is yielding results and we are behind you to make sure that anybody who is interested in ensuring that there is law and order; and people go about their normal businesses are being encouraged," Baba said.

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at sustainably impactful interventions in security and social development in Africa.

In his remarks at the brief ceremony, Marwa described Alhaji Rabi'u as a patriot, philanthropist and foremost industrialist who has human interest at heart. He recounted the pivotal role the Chairman of BUA Group played in 2019/2020, along with his colleagues in the business sector, to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 in Nigeria.

He noted that the government and the NDLEA cannot

fight the drug scourge alone and urged all stakeholders to rise up like the ASR Africa, to support the nation's War Against Drug Abuse (WADA) initiative, which encourages all citizens, both corporate and individual, to be stakeholders.

"By acknowledging the existence of the drug scourge, ASR Africa has positioned itself as an important stakeholder towards eradicating the menace in Nigeria," Marwa stated, adding that the grant will be used towards sustainable and impactful projects relevant to the current reality of the drug problem in the country.

Speaking earlier, the CEO of ASR Africa said the grant is part of efforts of the Chairman of BUA Group to give back to the African continent and make lasting impact in peace and security, as a means of uplifting and restoring the dignity and lives of Africans.

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for reliable people, people who believe in the work, and who are upright, who will stand for justice and equity; not the ones who will beg for suspects."

She also called for the harmonisation of the activities of civil society organisations in the state, for the purpose of collating verifiable data