

Seven killed, properties destroyed in Plateau electric cable fire

No fewer than seven persons were confirmed dead and some others injured during a fire incident which occurred at Kabong, Gada Biyu in the Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The fire incident, which occurred in the early hours of Saturday, was attributed to a high tension cable that bridged with service wires which supplied electricity to the community, resulting in the loss of lives and destruction of properties.

The densely populated community is both residential and commercial, resulting in goods at the business premises consumed by the inferno.

A household in the community lost two members

of the same family in the incident as sympathisers gathered at the family house where Naomi David, 54; and Abraham David, 39; both died in the attempt to disconnect one of the appliances during the incident.

The remains of the deceased were deposited at the Bingham University Teaching Hospital Mortuary where some of the injured were treated and those with severe burns were on referral to the Jos University Teaching Hospital.

Meanwhile, the Jos Metropolitan Development Board team visited the scene to ascertain the level of damage caused by the inferno and how to avoid future occurrence.