

② One killed as illegal miners attack Minna estate, loot properties

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At least one person has been confirmed killed as hoodlums suspected to be illegal miners attacked residents of the popular M.I. Wushishi Housing Estate in Minna, the Niger State capital, over allegations that they are using security operatives to stop them from their mining activities.

The attack by the hoodlums follows the alleged killing of one of their members which the Estate residents claimed they have openly threatened to avenge the death.

New Telegraph learnt that some residents of the estate are already relocating their families and relatives pending when security of the area improves.

It was reliably gathered that at about 11.00am on Monday, September 2, residents of the over 500 housing units at the M.I Wushishi Housing Estate located within Minna metropolis, along the Eastern bypass road were attacked by illegal

miners.

While refuting claims that the attackers are miners, the State chairman of the Miners Association of Nigeria, Yusuf Mami, in a telephone interview, said the attackers were not miners and no member of the association was reported to have taken part in the destruction.

However, he admitted that some youths within the community dug up soil randomly in search of gold and have subsequently become violent and desperate.

Man electrocuted w transformer, cables

A middle-aged man yet to be identified, was in the early hours of yesterday electrocuted while allegedly vandalising a Jos Electricity Distribution Company's transformer and cables located opposite Queens Hotel, Ankpa, Makurdi, the Benue State capital.

The vandal was found dead and his lifeless body seen in between the two poles connecting the cables to the transformer mounted close to the main road.