

Tragedy as high tension cable snaps, kills 7 in Jos

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No fewer than seven persons died while two others were injured after a faulty high-tension cable snapped into low-tension lines in Kabong community, Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The incident happened in the early hours of yesterday when the cables, property of the Jos Electricity Distribution Company, JED Plc, were said to have snapped and immediately sparked off fire that destroyed private homes and shops in the vicinity. It was gathered that over 100 persons lost one property or the other in the densely populated community.

A resident, Paul Gab, said the unstable power supply in the area was either too high or too low, adding that the power is mostly supplied in the middle of the night when residents are fast asleep.

He said the community had been without power supply, saying at the time the power was restored, the voltage was high. However, JED Plc has offered condolences to the victims and offered to offset the medical bills of those injured.

When contacted, Dr. Friday Elijah, who is the Head of Corporate Communications of JED Plc reacted thus: "Jos Electricity Distribution Plc is anguished by the unfortunate incident at about 3.13 am, affecting customers on our Kabong Primary Distribution Transformer in the Kabong area, Rukuba Road Jos.