

# Thunderstone kills 3 in Yobe

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THREE lives were yesterday lost amidst heavy rainfall that resulted in thunderstorm within the premises of Potiskum central market in Yobe state.

Chairman of the market association, Alhaji Abbati muhammed, told newsmen that the incident happened around 4pm during a heavy downpour accompanied by lightning that struck the victims.

“We discovered that a thunderstone fell in close to the Office of the Chairman of Firewood Sellers located in Kampala area of the Market leading to the death of three people, two men and a young lady who went to buy firewood”, he said.

Alhaji Musa, who is the father of one of the victims told *Daily Trust* that it was an act of God and they have accepted it in good faith

“I really felt the passing away of my beloved daughter, but it was destined by God. Her mother sent her to buy us some firewood which she bought and returned. But the mother requested her to get dry firewood; it was then the tragedy resulted. God gives us and he takes away and we remain thankful to Him.”

Hundreds of sympathizers were seen at the scene of the tragedy. Some of them who spoke with *Daily Trust* said they heard the deafening sound of the thunderstone.

One of them, Abdullahi yusuf said: “When we heard the sound we all thought it was a bomb blast but later learnt that it was a thunderstone, and it killed three people. As we rushed to the scene we discovered that a neighbour, Ibrahim was among the victims.”