

Thunderstorm Kills Farmer, 2 Herders



Kogi State Map

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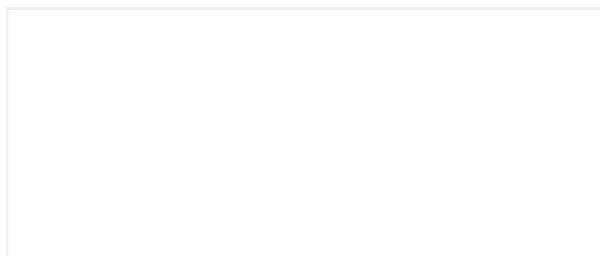
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A farmer, identified as Gambo Abdullahi, and two herders were killed by lightning during a thunderstorm at a farm in Chikara community.

Abuja Metro reports that the area borders Abaji Area Council of the FCT and Kotonkarfe in Kogi State.

According to Ezekiel Samson, a resident of Chikara, the incident occurred last Wednesday around 3.12pm during a heavy downpour.



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Samson said the two deceased herders had moved their cows from their camp to graze around the farm, adding that a third herder sustained injuries and is currently receiving treatment at a hospital in Kotonkarfe.

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“Actually, the farmer was on his way home after he finished work on his farm when the lightning struck and killed him instantly, along with two herders who were rearing cows,” he said.

He added that, “One herder sustained injuries and was taken to the hospital in Kotonkarfe.”

The Ardo Fulani in Chikara, Malam Yakubu Usman, confirmed the incident to our reporter via telephone on Monday. Usman stated that he was in Lokoja when he received a phone call about the incident and immediately returned to visit the scene.

“In fact, I was in Lokoja that very day when I received a call that two herders who went to graze cows had lost their lives, while one other sustained injury from a thunderstorm,” he said.

Usman reported the incident to the police outpost in Chikara and then led an officer to the scene to retrieve the remains for burial.

He added that the injured herder is responding well to treatment in Kotonkarfe.

A police source at the Chikara outpost, who preferred to remain anonymous, also confirmed the incident.