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Tragedy: Thunder Storm Kills 4 In Delta

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Tragedy struck in Oleh community, Isoko South local government area of Delta State last Thursday when a thunder storm reportedly killed two brothers, a pregnant woman, and a mother of four in the area.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the thunderstorm which caused vibrations struck and killed the victims.

An uncle to two of the victims, one Victor Akotha, an indigene of Ikpide-Irri community told LEADERSHIP that the incident occurred between 7 and 8pm during rainfall which lasted close to three hours.

He said the victims were outside fetching the rain water when the unexpected happened.

Akotha said he was in his house with members of his family watching movies when suddenly the thunder struck leaving his house in total darkness, following which they perceived smell of burning substance.

"I have not recovered from the shock. When the thunder struck, I heard the sound of screaming and scampering of feet outside my house and I quickly dashed out of the house and to my greatest surprise, I discovered the lifeless bodies of my nephews lying on the ground with patches of burns.

"I quickly pushed through the large crowd that was already gathered and on closer examination, I noticed that my 16-year-old nephew, Solomon Akotha and Eduje Akotha, 12, were still gasping for breath and that prompted me to administer first aid before they were rushed to the hospital where they died," he narrated.

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