

## **NATURAL DISASTER: Thunderstorm Kills 4** Children In Kwara

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Tragedy struck in Gure, Baruten local government area of Kwara State yesterday when a thunderbolt killed four female children in the community. It also rendered many residents homeless.

The thunderstorm, according to sources, struck during a downpour between 12am and 1am.

According to sources, three of the children were of the same parents while the fourth one just came to pass the night with them.

The remains of the victims were said to have been buried in accordance with Islamic rites.

The chairman of the local government, Malam Mohammed Omar-Bio, confirmed the incident, described it as devastating. He condoled with the family of the victims.

He appealed to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other disaster management agencies to come to the aid of the victims of the disaster.

Omar-Bio, who spoke through the public relations officer of the council, Mr Jubril Masene, said that with the development, the number of rain disaster victims in the area had risen to more than 200.

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