

Lightning Strikes 13 Footballers, Kills 2 In Delta

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The heavy downpour in Issele-Azagba, Aniocha North local government area, of Delta State has turned tragic for the community.

The lightning during the rain on Tuesday evening struck 12 footballers and their referee, killing two.

The incident occurred in the evening and involved 13 youths playing football (six a side) at the Osemeke Primary School field in Issele-Azagba.

A source confirmed that the lightning

hit 12 footballers and their referee at the same time; while 10 were able to stand up later, the other three were unconscious.

The source said a bus was hired to rush the three players to the hospital in Asaba where one survived and two were confirmed dead.

"They played local football on the primary school field at 6:00 pm on Tuesday. There was a lot of lightning during the rain. Ten minutes later, some were standing up while three could not.

, "Those around quickly hired a bus

to rush them to the hospital in Asaba. I heard that one survived while the other two died in the hospital," he said.

As of the time of filing this report, the 11 that survived the incident were still under watch since the community is said to believe what happened was an abomination and the victims had to pass through some traditional cleansing while those that died would be atoned.

When contacted, the police command spokesperson, Bright Edafe, said he was waiting for confirmation.