



Lightning kills three, injures six in Anambra

LIGHTNING has killed three pupils in a secondary school in Anambra State.

Six others have been resuscitated.

Those involved, according to sources, were Senior Secondary School (SS3) pupils in Awka South Local Government.

The incident, according to a source, occurred at the weekend, when the pupils were playing football.

There was a downpour at the weekend in Awka, Anambra State capital and its environs.

The source said the light-

ning struck nine male pupils who were playing football with others on barefoot.

According to the source, "the pupils were practising on the football pitch with their coach, preparatory to a football tournament.

"The coach had ended the training before the rain started, but some of the pupils stayed to continue playing football.

"Lightning, accompanied by claps of thunderstorm, suddenly enveloped the area and

the boys were struck.

"A teacher heard the pupils screaming, he saw them running. He ran to the field and saw at least nine pupils trembling and jerking on the turf.

"That was when he raised the alarm and people gathered to help.

"The boys were immediately rushed to the school clinic, from where they were taken to one of the hospitals in Awka.

"Six of the nine boys were resuscitated and are receiving treatment, but three did not survive.