

# Lightning kills eight-year-old Bayelsa boy while playing football

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during a downpour, which was preceded by deafening thunderstorms and lightning.

It was learnt that the victim, identified as Stephen Akanam, a native of the neighbouring Kolo community, was residing with his aunty in Imiringi.

He was said to be playing football with his friends in

an open field when the lightning struck him.

The deceased was indoors all through the afternoon until the evening when he went out to play.

A source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said, "A woman rushed to the house to tell us that

our brother was dead. I could not believe it and rushed to the scene.

"Upon seeing him on the ground, we rushed him to the Christ the King Hospital and he was pronounced dead on arrival."

The spokesman for the Bayelsa State Police Command, Mr Asinim Butswat, said the incident had not been reported at the Kolo Divisional Headquarters in charge of the area.

**L**IGHTNING has killed an eight-year-old boy in the Imiringi community, Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

The incident was said to have happened on Wednesday