

About-to-wed killed by lightning in Edo

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A middle-aged man, popularly called MC, has been reportedly killed by lightning on Aibanegbe Street, Off New Lagos Road, Benin City, Edo State.

The incident, which happened during a

downpour on Wednesday, also left several others injured with lacerations in their hands and legs.

A resident, who identified himself as Ajibola, said, "The victims ran to the point where Okada riders stay to pick and drop passengers when the lightning struck and

the man died while others sustained injuries.

"The young man was popular on our street and I was told he recently went for introduction ahead of his coming marriage. My last born was close to him because he was a friendly person. It was because of that people on the street said Okada riders should not work today."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Kontongs Bello, could not reached for comments.

But a senior police officer said, "We have yet to get that report but I suspect that the family would report to the police station close to the area and the DPO will definitely brief the Commissioner of Police later on."