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## Children's Day tragedy: Thunder strike kills 4 females in Kwara community

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Day celebration turned tragic on Wednesday as thunder strike killed four female children in Gure, Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The thunder was said to have struck during a down-pour between 12 midnight and 1a.m. of the day that also rendered several others homeless.

A source in the town said three of the children were of the same parents while the fourth one just came to pass the night with them.

According to him, the strike broke into the wall of the house and threw two children into a state of unconsciousness while some others were hospitalised as a result of injuries they sustained. The remains of the victims were said to have been buried in accordance with Islamic rites.

The killing of the children was among other havoc wreaked in the area as roofs of many other houses were blown off. The chairman of the local government, Mallam Mohammed Omar-Bio, who confirmed the incident, described it as a devastating and pathetic experience.

Omar-Bio, however, used the opportunity to condole with the family of the victims with a plan to send a delegation to the community. Meanwhile, the chairman of the council has appealed to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other disaster management agencies to provide succour for the victims of the disaster.

Omar-Bio, who spoke through the Public Relations Officer of the council, Mr. Jubril Masene said with the development, the number of rain disaster victims in the area was more than 200.

Rainstorm had early wreaked havoc in more than three communities in the area between March and May 2015, earlier hundreds of residents were rendered homeless.