

Thunderstorm kills pregnant woman, 2 others in Ebonyi



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Three persons have been killed and others injured in Ebonyi State during a thunder storm which occurred after a heavy down pour in the state Friday night. The dead victims include: a seven months old pregnant woman in Nkporume Ndieze Community, Izzi Local Government Area of the state, Mrs. Beatrice Nwobiya, a 20-year-old boy in Ofiaokum, the neighbouring village in the same local government, Sunday Oke and a woman in Okposhi Eshi community, Ngbo, Ohukwu Local Government Area of the state whose name could not be immediately ascertained.

A number of other people were also said to have been injured during the storm. The disaster blew off roofs of many houses in the affected communities and destroyed vehicles and other valuable properties worth millions of naira.

Hon. Anthony Onyibe Nwegede representing Izzi East Constituency in the state House of Assembly lost his executive Prado Jeep, Lexus Jeep FX 300, and a Carina E model car to the disaster as one side of the gate to his residence collapsed on his car park destroying the cars and other properties worth millions of naira.

Nwobiya Godwin, husband of Beatrice, told Sunday Telegraph that his wife was hale and hearty before he left for his farm in the morning and returned home in the evening before she went to the bathroom while there was a mild downpour accompanied with lightning later that night.

He further said that, he left for a nearby market where he received a distress call only to rush home and meet his late wife struggling for breath a few minutes after she came from the bathroom. Nwobiya said he solicited

for help and quickly rushed her to the nearest hospital in the area, but there was no doctor on duty.

They then moved her to Iboko General Hospital, but again there was no doctor present. “As I was struggling to take my wife to another hospital, she passed on,” he said. He noted that in the course of enquiring what could be the cause of such a tragic death, the family discovered that she was a victim of thunder lightning