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**A** herbalist has been struck dead by lightening at Aramoko-Ekiti in Ekiti West Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

The incident, which occurred on Sunday evening, threw the community into mourning.

The herbalist, Babatunde Sule, was a worker of Ekiti State House of Assembly Commission. He was

## Lightning kills herbalist in Ekiti

struck to death in his apartment at Oke-Oja area of the town.

A source said: "The incident occurred shortly after a downpour. The downpour lasted for about two hours. The herbalist, until his death, was a notable traditionalist and a chieftain of the traditional worshippers' association in the community."

Recalling the event of Sule's death, the source further noted:

"On that fateful day, the rain, which started about 4.30p.m., came with lightning and thunder. It was so much that people panicked and remained indoors. Suddenly, there was another massive lightning, it entered the deceased's home and struck him in the chest, where he was cooking in the kitchen.

"A neighbour, who was worried after witnessing the lightening, ran into the herbalist's kitchen

for demolition.

and found his corpse. The incident shocked everyone. Sule was a notable person in the town. Immediately the news filtered into town, an attempt was made to contact some Sango worshippers. The matter was also reported at the nearest police station.

"The traditional rites had begun and will last for seven days. The rites are expected to be accompanied by downpour. This type of incident has never happened in this town, which was why everyone panicked."