

Thunderstorm kills man, injure others in Edo

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A middle aged man simply identified as MC has been reportedly killed by thunderstorm on Aibanegbe Street, Off New Lagos Road, opposite Evidence of the Gospel Church, Benin City, the Edo State capital.

The incident which was said to have happened during a heavy downpour on Wednesday evening also left others injured and some with lacerations in their hands and legs.

As a result, residents in the street yesterday insisted that there would be no commercial motor cycle working in the area as the lightning reportedly hit the victims when they ran to take shelter from the rain in a platform normally used by commercial motor cyclists in the street. Some have attributed the incident to the use of phones during the rain while others said there is more to it.

A resident of the area who simply gave his name as Ajibola told journalists that, "They ran to the point where okada people stay to pick and drop passengers when the lightning struck and this man we all know as MC died while some others sustained injuries."

"The young man is very popular in our street and I was told he recently went for introduction ahead of his coming marriage.

My last born was very close to him because he is a very friendly person. My son has been crying over the matter and has not been himself. It is because of this that the people in the street said okada should not work today."