

# Tension as Mysterious Thunder Kills Five People in Ondo

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Five persons have been struck dead by mysterious thunderstorm at Ago Dada near Ala village in Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State.

THISDAY gathered that the five middle aged men were playing football when the incident happened on Thursday evening.

An eyewitness who is a chief hunter told THISDAY the victims were farmers from other states, noting that the people of the village accused the head of the community of complicity in the mysterious incident, as similar incident occurred last year in the area with nine villagers struck by thunderstorm.

Meanwhile, it was gathered that it took the timely interven-

tion of policemen and hunters to rescue the village head from being lynched.

While speaking with THISDAY, another eyewitness who is a cocoa farmer, Mr. Godwin Achon said "the son of my friend who is an indigene of Bekwarra Local Government Area of Cross River State is one of the victims. My friend has been in the village for a couple of years. It is so shocking. We are already planning on how to take the corpse to Ogoja for burial," Achon added.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Funmilayo Odunlami, confirmed the development noting that only four young men were involved in the development.