

Lightning strikes six to death in Jos

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JOS—SIX people were on Tuesday struck dead by lightening in a village around the popular Shere Hills in Jos East Local Government area of Plateau State.

The six which included three teachers and three pupils were struck by thunder at the public primary school in the area during a heavy downpour on Tuesday afternoon.

Two teachers, a male and a female along with two pupils died on the spot while several others were wounded and were rushed to the Jos University Teaching Hospital. Two of them however died at the hospital.

Also killed were eight cows which were struck by the thun-

der as they grazed in an open field in the area.

Residents of the area were said to have been panic-stricken by the heavy sound of the thunder which was said to have reverbrated in the entire area, forcing people to run indoor for safety.

A resident who spoke to Vanguard said the teachers and pupils of the school ran helter-skelter as the thunder struck their school pulling down a block and throwing several people on the ground.

By the time the rain subsided, the four were found dead while others were rushed to hospital.

Two of the pupils whose parents/relations were around were given a quick burial that same Tuesday while the corpses of others were taken to the mortuary.