**Lightning kills two (Kenya)**

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Two relatives were killed on Friday by lightning at Chelelek village, Ainabkoi Sub-County, Uasin Gishu County.

According to the area village elder Joseph Kirkirren, the two were in their farm harvesting potatoes and were struck while taking cover under a tree within the farm following a heavy down pour.

The village elder added that  horrified residents rushed to the scene and stumbled on the two cousins lying dead under the tree.

They had sustained burns on their faces and limbs.

Area residents who spoke to Kenya News Agency (KNA) appealed to the government to install lightning arresters in designated points, saying the place was prone to lightning, and that many lives have been lost through similar strikes.

Confirming the incident, Tarakwa Officer in Charge of Station (OCS) Chief Inspector Sipian Lenduda called on residents to avoid taking cover under trees during a down pour, saying trees were good conductors of electric current in the event of lighting.

The bodies of the two were moved to the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital awaiting postmortem.

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