**13 TRADERS SEVERELY INJURED IN LIGHTNING STRIKE AT AWUTU BAWJIASE [GHAN]**

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**Event 1**

**Thirteen market women suffered severe injuries when a large tree at the Awutu Bawjiase market in the Central Region fell on them as a result of lightning.**

They were alleged to have been hiding behind the tree on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, in the late evening amid a rainfall. The women were suddenly crushed by the tree on their blind side, leaving them unable to flee for safety as it began to pour severely. Thirteen of them had severe injuries as a result and were rushed to the Awutu Bawjiase Hospital, Winneba Specialist and Trauma Hospital, and Agona Swedru Government Hospital for treatment.

**Event 2**

In the same vein, on April 8, two siblings, a boy and a girl met their untimely death when thunder struck them at Apaa Junction, a suburb of Begoro in the Fanteakwa North District of the Eastern Region during a downpour in the area. The victims identified as Selorm Bonah, 14, and Vivian Adovi, 16, were reportedly walking under the rain to pick up some mangos in their house when the incident occurred. The Assemblyman of the Abase Electoral area, Beneh Benet who confirmed the incident said, the deceased, brother and sister were walking in the rain when the thunder struck them. As a result of that, the boy died instantly, and the girl was rushed by neighbours to the Begoro District Hospital, but she died on arrival.