**2017 Vélingara: Lightning kills a young person in Paroumba - Senegal**

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A young man in his twenties was killed by lightning yesterday Saturday around 4 pm in Linkering locality located 60 km from the municipality of Vélingara. According to our source, the youngster received an electric shock as he entered a hut in a neighboring house, the phone stuck to his ear. This is how the hut caught fire. Evacuated to the health center of Medina Gounass, the man will pass away during his evacuation. The victim is from Dialadiang, a village in the Paroumba commune bordering the two Guineas. This umpteenth death caused by lightning again puts on the spot the nagging question of the lack of lightning rods in these remote areas. It is also necessary to point out the recklessness of the populations who often do not respect the advice of the competent services to protect themselves from lightning.

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