**Lightning strikes dead two children in Mvolo County-South Sudan**

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Two children were struck and killed by lightning on Monday in Mvolo County, Western Equatoria State.

The clinical officer in charge of Yeri Payam PHCC, Mr. Benneth Zara, confirmed that two died on the spot after the Monday incident.

“I can confirm that two underage children between 5 and 10 died on the spot before reaching Yeri Primary Care Centre,” he said.

“Things to do with nature, there is nothing PHCC can do about it. The only thing I can advise the community is, let them live in peace because there is no protection or medicine that can cure thunder strike.”

In African traditional society, lightning is always believed to be caused by humans, especially when there are conflicts among the communities.

Meanwhile, the uncle of the deceased children, James Eziborn, said they were in the garden when they received the information.

“We received a phone call that our children had died after a thunder strike.  It has shocked us the family members,” he said.

“If there is anything wrong parents should be informed first rather than killing innocent children. The community should stop the spirit of killing and be involved in prayers,” Eziborn added.

However, the payam deputy administrator, Peter Bui, said the authority is investigating the matter seriously to know exactly what contributed to the killing of these two children.

He warned the community against the use of charm and lightning to kill innocent people.

The two children struck by lightning were the sons of the late John Bink, also commonly known as Monday Ezibon, who died a few years ago.

Over 10 people have been killed by thunder strike in Western Equatoria State since last year.