**Lightning strikes three as five-hour downpour pounds Ebonyi community [Nigeria]**

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Three persons were on Saturday struck dead by lightning in Afikpo, in the Afikpo North Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that the incident happened at Ngodo community during a downpour which lasted for over five hours.

It was learnt that the lightning struck around 3pm, killing the three persons in different locations in the area.

A resident of Afikpo, Iheukwumere Otu, said one of the deceased persons was from Cross River State who had been living in the area for some years.

He said, “Yes, it is true that lightning killed three persons in our place. There was a heavy rainfall that day, which was accompanied by serious lightning.

 “The lightning killed the three persons on the spot and it occurred in two different places. It killed two in Ngodo community and another person in another place.”

He described the tragedy as unfortunate and first of its kind in the area.