**Thunderstorm Tragedy: Lightning Claims Three Lives, Injures Six In Anambra**

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A really tragic incident has caused serious commotion and irreparable loss in Anambra State.

The tragic incident occurred at a secondary school in Anambra state, where three students lost their lives due to a lightning strike.

Six other students who were also affected by the incident have been successfully revived. The victims were reportedly Senior Secondary School (SS3) students in Awka South Local Government Area.

The incident, according to a source, happened at the weekend, when the students were playing football.

There was a heavy downpour at the weekend in Awka, Anambra state and its environs.

The source said the lightning struck nine male students who were playing football with others barefoot.

According to the source, “The students were playing on the football pitch with their coach in preparation for a football tournament.

“The coach had ended the training session before the rain started, but some of the students stayed behind to continue playing football.

“Lightning, accompanied by claps of thunderstorm suddenly enveloped the area and the boys were struck in the process.

“A teacher heard the students screaming and running. He ran to the field and saw at least nine students trembling and jerking on the turf.

The eyewitness said: “That was when he raised the alarm and people gathered to help. The boys were immediately rushed to the school clinic, from where they were taken to one of the hospitals in Awka.

“Six of the nine boys who were resuscitated and are currently receiving treatment, but three did not survive. Their parents have been contacted.”

When contacted, the state police public relations officer, Tochukwu Ikenga, said the matter had not been reported to the command.