**Budalang'i boda boda man killed by lightning [Kenya]**

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A 32-year-old boda boda\* rider was struck dead by lightning in Budalang'i, Busia county, on Wednesday. Francis Opiyo from Namabusi-Magombe village in Bunyala central ward was killed around mid-day as he rode from Khulusenye. Bunyala Sub-County OCPD Fredrick Kaggai and Magombe East assistant chief Martin Ogeya said the body of the father of two was found by passersby who informed his family. Opiyo's body was moved to Port Victoria Hospital mortuary.

Meanwhile, Busia assembly minority leader and Bunyala Central MCA Felix Omanyi has called for a probe into Budalangi NG-CDF over lightning arresters installed in schools. “I am urging the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission to move with speed and investigate Budalangi CDF to establish the quality of the lightning arresters that had been bought and installed at the learning institutions because I suspect they are substandard and faulty, yet Sh2 million was spent on each of the arresters,” the MCA said. But Budalangi MP Raphael Wanjala said the lightning arresters are working. “The lightning arrester at St Peter’s Makunda Secondary School is not substandard as claimed. I want to tell local politicians to stop politicizing the death of the motorbike rider,” Wanjala said.

\*boda-boda = motorcycle or bicycle used as taxi