**Bomet: One Killed as Lightning Strikes 3 Women Taking Shelter Under A Tree -KENYA**

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A sombre mood has engulfed Chesiliot area, Sotik sub-county in Bomet, after lightning struck a tree where three women were taking shelter during a heavy evening downpour, killing one on the spot while two others sustained injuries.

According to Sotik sub-county police boss Andrew Muturi Mbogo, the three were taking shelter following a heavy downpour that has continued to pound the area for the past four days.

The injured were rushed to Kapkatet hospital where they are currently recuperating while the body of the deceased was taken to the same hospital morgue.

Bomet county disaster officer Stanley Mutai said the victims were collecting soil for their own use before they were caught unaware by the heavy rain, opting to take cover in a nearby tree.

A good samaritan, according to Mutai, found them lying helpless in different directions where he raised an alarm, attracting members of the public.

Mutai appealed to relevant departments to install lightning arrestors in areas where such incidents are common, pointing out that people should take precautions during Elnino rains.