# Lightning strike kills 18yr-old girl in Bong - Liberia <https://thenewdawnliberia.com/lightning-strike-kills-18yr-old-girl-in-bong/>27 March 2025

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GBATALA: BONG– A Lighting Strike late Tuesday evening, March 25, 2025, killing an 18-year-old girl identified as Christiana Cooper in Gbartala, Yellequelleh District#5, Bong County.

According to Harris Jarqueh, uncle of the deceased, the incident happened following a heavy downpour of rain in the area.

Mr. Jarqueh noted that the deceased had lived in the town with her parents and had been engaged in farming before her untimely demise.

He further told our reporter that an incident of such is the first to occurred in the town and has instilled fears in residents of the town.

Mr. Jarqueh also disclosed that following the incident, a fifteen-man juror team was instituted to examine the physical body of the deceased to determine if there were any foul play. The juror report clarified that Christiana died as a result of the lightning strike.

However, Police in the county have launched investigations into the situation and are expected to brief the public about their findings.

A lightning strike occurs when a discharge of electricity takes place between the atmosphere and the ground, releasing a tremendous amount of energy that can cause various effects, including Thunder and Light, Fire, injury or death, and electrical damage.