Nigeria: Lightning Kills Four Persons, Nine Cows in Bauchi

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Bauchi — Four persons and nine cows are reported to have been killed by lightening in Ganjuwa and Bauchi Local Government Areas of Bauchi State.

Daily trust gathered that the first incident occurred in Soro village in Ganjuwa Local Government Area, where two women and their babies were said to have been killed by the strike.

Husband of the women, Mallam Sai'du Bello told Daily Trust that his wives were milling corn with their babies strapped to their backs when the incident occurred. The Area Development Officer of Ganjuwa-East, Alhaji Mohammed Dabo confirmed the incident, saying, "When we heard of the incident, we visited the house of the deceased and commiserated with the family because the man lost both of his wives. We have written a letter to the Ganjuwa Local Government Area and the Bauchi State Government"

It was also gathered that a similar incident occurred in Dungulbi village of Bauchi Local Government Area, where lightening was said to have killed nine cattle belonging to Hardo Mohammed Musa. Narrating his ordeal, Musa said, "I sent my boys to take the animals out for grazing, but they later ran back, saying lightening had killed all the cows. When we got to the place, nine of the 10 cows they took out had died."