

## Tragedy as lightning strikes elderly man in Homa Bay County [Kenya]

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A 60-year-old man has been killed by lightning in Homa Bay County. The deceased James Lumumba met his untimely death on Monday night at Kotolo village, Kakdhimu West location in Rachuonyo North Sub County. The incident occurred when Lumumba was in accompany of his cousin identified as Tom Dede were rushing back home from Dhok Mit Trading center. However, the lightning struck him, causing serious injuries on various body parts including the belly and back. He died on the spot. According to the area Assistant Chief Alfred Ong'onge, the two were avoiding a heavy rain that was due to fall in the area.

"There was a strong wind which was accompanied by heavy thunderstorms. The two decided to go back home to avoid being rained on at the trading center," Ong'onge said. The Chief said Dede escaped unhurt.

He called on the Government to consider erecting lightning arrestors in the area to prevent loss of lives.

Rachuonyo North OCPD Chrispinus Omong'ini confirmed the incident. "The incident has occurred and we have taken the body to Gendia Mission Hospital mortuary," said Omongini.