

## Lightning kills pregnant woman, one other in Benue [Nigeria]

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A pregnant woman and one other person were struck to death by lightning during a downpour in Gboko Local Government Area of Benue State on Thursday.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the pregnant woman (names withheld) was pounding yam in the kitchen while a barber, identified as N. Nyajo, was in his shop when the lightning struck and killed them on the spot.

The ugly incident occurred at the Average Hotel Street, situated around St Gabriel's Catholic Church, Gboko West area.

According to an eyewitness, one Haanya Aondoakura, who narrated the incident, said the barber just finished attending to a client and was packing some of the belongings into the shop when the incident happened.

The chairman of the local government, Mr Nahan Zenda, who spoke to newsmen on phone, confirmed the incident, saying the police were quickly deployed to the area to maintain peace.