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Lightning Kills 12-Year-Old Boy

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The home of Ebrima and Kaddijatou Jallow in Kerr Pateh in Central Baddibu District, North Bank Region was struck by lightning on Koriteh day, leading to the death of their 12-year-old boy, Alpha Salieu Jallow. Eye witnesses confirmed to this reporter that the incident happened around 5:30pm and the deceased was laid to rest on the same day.

Speaking to this reporter, Poulo O.N Joof, Regional Disaster Coordinator expressed shock over the demise of the boy. He on behalf of the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) and the Regional Disaster Management Committee extended condolences to the bereaved family. He seized the opportunity to advise parents to be vigilant and discourage their children from walking about during the rain, adding that September and October are likely to witness downpours and possible thunder and lightning.

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