

Girl, 16, killed by lightning in Nyahururu [Kenya]

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A 16-year-old girl was yesterday killed by lightning in Uruku village, Nyandarua North district. Mary Wangui died on the spot while her sister Leah Nduta, 18, was rushed the Nyahururu District Hospital in critical condition.

The two teens had walked back to collect a mobile phone they had forgotten on a tree in their maize farm. "Their father had hung the phone on a tree branch to get the network as he planted maize seeds on his farm," said Nyandarua North OCPD Gababa Darso. "But the phone was forgotten when the rain suddenly fell and the family ran to take cover in the house." "The parent remembered the phone and feared it would be ruined by the rain. He sent his two daughters to collect it amid hailstorms," said Darso.

"The lightning struck Wangu as she climbed the tree and her her sister who was waiting under the tree." Nduta was rushed to the Ndaragwa health centre before she was referred to the Nyahururu District Hospital. The body was taken to the Nyahururu District Hospital mortuary.