**Heavy Rainfall and Severe Thunderstorm Kill Three in Kono – Sierra Leone**  
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Heavy rainfall battered Kono District on Tuesday evening around 7:00 PM, accompanied by intense thunder and lightning that shook the region. In a devastating turn of events, three individuals in the Tankoro area tragically lost their lives after being struck by lightning.

Eyewitnesses described the storm as one of the most violent in recent memory. Loud thunderclaps and vivid lightning bolts lit up the sky as residents scrambled for shelter. The victims, whose identities are yet to be officially confirmed, were reportedly outdoors at the time of the incident.

Emergency response teams and local authorities have been dispatched to the scene, and an investigation is underway. Medical and disaster response units are currently providing support to affected families and surveying the area for further damage.

Local residents are urged to remain indoors and exercise caution as the rainy season begins to intensify. Authorities have advised the public to avoid open fields, tall trees, and metal objects during storms.