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LIGHTNING KILLS ONE, INJURES 2

Lightning last Friday struck dead one person and injured two others in Gulu District. The incident happened at about 10pm.

The officer in charge of crime at Gulu Central Police Station, Mr James Asubo, identified the deceased as Vicky Ajok and the injured are Okwonga Otto, 30, a resident of Layibi Division, and Ms Filda Oyella, 27, a resident of Lajwatek village in Koro Sub county.

The trio was riding on a motorcycle on Gulu-Kamdini road in Koro during a heavy downpour. Ms Oyella, who is admitted to Gulu hospital with bruises, told Daily Monitor that she feels a lot of chest, joint and back pains.

The Koro Sub-county chairperson, Mr Santos Uhuru, said plans were underway to educate residents on the necessary precautions to be taken during the rainy season to avoid being struck by lightning.

The Gulu hospital director, Dr Nathan Onyachi, advised people to avoid getting into close contact with high objects and speaking on mobile phones when it's raining. Last week, lightning killed 10 people in Kween District and injured six. It also killed three people in Lamwo and injured two.