

## Lightning kills Amuru couple

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When Bosco Komakech and his fiancé Stella Aber, both 25-years-old went to bed on Sunday night, they did not know that it was their last night alive.

The two were killed by lightning that struck and set ablaze the hut they were sleeping in. The incident happened in Paromo village, Pageya parish, Pabbo Sub-county in Amuru District at about 3am after a night downpour.

Aber was working as a bursar at Pabbo Comprehensive Secondary School, while Komakech was working as a mason.

According to the deceased's neighbour, Ms Evelyn Ayot, she heard a loud thunderstorm at night but never thought it had struck a hut next to theirs.

Mr Charles Obete Oryem, Aber's uncle, said the couple had only lasted in courtship for three months, adding that on the night of the tragic incident, Komakech was spending a night at his fiancé's home.

"We are still in shock that they are gone, because this adorable couple had just returned from visiting Komakech's parents in Pabbo Trading Centre" He noted that the two lived happily without quarrels.

Aswa Regional Police Spokesperson Patrick Jimmy Okema confirmed to Daily Monitor on Monday of the incident adding that the police responded fast to conduct investigations on what could have ignited the fire that burnt the hut.

"A post-mortem test has been conducted already by our doctors and the test results point out that the couple was struck by lightning before it set ablaze the hut that consequently burnt them to death," he said Mr Okema, however, advised locals to desist from tampering with evidence at scenes of crime before the police have concluded investigations, arguing it jeopardises police works.

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