**Lightning strike kills boy, 12, in Torit - Radio Tamazuj-South Sudan**

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A 12-year-old boy identified as Obiala Cyprian Oyo was on Wednesday killed by lightning that struck at the Christ Bright Academy Football ground in Torit, Eastern Equatoria.

Area Chief Michael Obusuk told Radio Tamazuj that the boy had climbed a tree as his colleagues played football.

Chief Obusuk said that the incident happened at around 4pm.

Mayor Mustafa Albino Zachariah confirmed the incident, and urged the local residents to erect lightning arresters on their house to minimize tragedies.

The Mayor dismissed the belief that lightning targeted people wearing red clothing, saying it is a natural phenomenon.

Last year, a similar incident killed an SSPDF soldier at the Shrikat Sector Three of Torit town.