Lightning kills two people in northern Rwanda

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***Kigali, Rwanda, April 21 (Infosplusgabon) - Three people were killed and another injured after being struck by lightning in northern Rwanda's region of Gicumbi, local administrative officials said on Friday.***

The Executive Secretary of Kageyo Sector in Gicumbi District, Nduwayo Irankijije, said the incident occurred late on Thursday evening when the three people were walking on a street in the town.

"They were three local residents and one of them survived the tragic incident and was rushed to the nearby hospital," Nduwayo said.

Fatalities during lightning are common in north and western Rwanda during the two rainy seasons, from September to December and February to May.

Rwanda Meteorological Department forecasts that there would be thunderstorms and heavy rainfall across the country in the coming days, most likely triggering floods.

Weather predictions show that the northern/southern sector of Great Horn of Africa will receive peak rainfall during the March-May period.

Rwanda Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugees Affairs has said that heavy rains early this month, have claimed at least 10 lives in the last two weeks.

It said that during the downpour that caused flash floods from 1-16 April, at least 8 people suffered injuries.

According to reports, at least 328 hectares of food plantations and two bridges were destroyed, while many electric poles were damaged in several remote areas.