**KwaZulu-Natal woman killed by lightning strike [South Africa]**

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Local government authorities say there has been at least one confirmed fatality as a result of the thunderstorms that hit parts of the KwaZulu-Natal at the weekend.

The Cooperative Governance Department says a 24-year-old woman was killed by lightning in the Okhahlamba Municipality.

Seven other homes in the area have also been damaged by the weather.

KZN MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Sipho Hlomuka has extended his condolences to the victim's family.

"We are urging residents to be extremely cautious as severe thunderstorms are also expected from this afternoon lasting into the evening in the northern areas of the province which include uThukela, Mzinyathi, Amajuba, and Zululand district municipalities.”

“Our teams are on the ground and we are urging residents to be cautious and to double-check the weather forecast before making any long journeys. We appeal to parents and teachers to ensure that scholars utilise proper routes going to and coming back from schools," he said.