Lightning bolt kills mother and baby in Zambia

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A 22-year-old woman of Kashitu in Lukulu district and her one-year-old baby have died after being struck by lightning, Western Province commissioner of police Charles Lungu has said.

This comes barely four days after three people of Chief Puta's area in Chienge died after being struck by lightning.

Mr Lungu said in an interview yesterday that the incident happened on Wednesday around 19:00 hours and he named the deceased as Mukelabai Lubinda and Musole Musole.

Ms Lubinda's husband Noah Musole escaped unhurt.

"The hut in which the family was sleeping was burnt by the same lightning," he said.