**Gakenke: Two were struck by lightning and died instantly** - Rwanda

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Yesterday, Saturday, 25 March 2023, around 16:00 hours local time, lightning struck, killing two teens “who were both aged 15"on spot, leaving the surviving two women and a man traumatized.

This tragedy occurred in Murambi Village, Buheta Cell, Gakenke Sector, Gakenke District, within the Norther Province of Rwanda.

While confirming this report, Mr. JMV Nizeyimana, the Mayor of Gakenke District also mentioned other two unreported previous incidents, where less than 4 days, within Gakenke sector, lightning killed an old man, and struck a cow, which died immediately as well.

He also stated that within this past week, lightning killed a child in Muyongwe sector, leaving another child traumatized. He’s appealing for the lightning protection tools across Gakenke district and more lightning related sensitizations.

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