**Father, children struck to death by lightning [Zambia]**

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A 64-year-old man and his four children aged between 8 and 27 years old have died after been struck by lightning in Siavonga District, Southern Province.

The incident occurred on December 16, 2022 at around 12:00 hours at Chisengele village, chief Sinadambwe in Siavonga District.

The deceased have been identified as Evason Bulanketi 64, Moses Bulanketi 27, Hachimbala Bulanketi aged 15, Collins Bulanketi , 10 and Ronald Bulanketi aged 8.

Police Deputy Spokesperson Danny Mwale confirmed the incident saying the initial investigations indicate that the family were struck by lightning when they were seated under the tree while it was raining.

The bodies are lying in Siavonga district hospital mortuary awaiting postmortem. Police have since opened an inquiry file into the matter.