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A family of seven is reeling in shock after lightning struck dead nine of their goats while the animals were resting under a fig tree. The incident took place last Thursday at around 11h45 when light rain began falling at Epanya in Omusati Region. According to the owner of the goats, Anatoria Halukusa, the nine dead goats are a big loss because she used to sell goats to sustain her family. “Although I earn social grants my money cannot sustain the family therefore this is indeed sad news – it is a big loss,” she said. She said she now remains with five goats that she said are not enough to sustain the family. “You know there is drought all the years and we were hoping we are receiving enough rain but now the little rain we received caused damage to the family,” she said.Malukusa said they will dry the meat and consume it with mahangu porridge.