**Five People Struck By Lightning In Chiredzi [Zimbabwe]**

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Five people were struck by lightning last night at Hippo Valley Mill in Chiredzi while they were on their way to work.

A police report says one of the five died on the spot, while four others were taken to Hippo Valley Medical Centre for treatment.

Police say the deceased, Herbert Mukwetura aged 21 of Chishamiso Village, was on his way to work at Tongaat Hullets Hippo Valley Mill with four of his workmates.

The report further says upon reaching flyover point at the mill, the five were struck by a bolt of lightning and fell down.

They were taken to Hippo Valley Medical Centre where Mukwetura was pronounced dead.

The tragedy happens when the Meteorological Services Department (MSD) is warning members of the public about weather-related hazards including floods, hailstorm, lightning among others as the rain season has started.

Some schools have since been destroyed by hailstorm across the country, including in Chipinge and Chimanimani Districts in Manicaland Province, risking refreshing memories of tropical Cyclone Idai which swept the Eastern and Southern parts of Zimbabwe.

Victims are yet to fully recover from the disaster that has seen the international community and the government disbursing funds to cushion them from the impact.