

Lightning bolt kills 3 in Chingola, Zambia

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Lightning has killed three people believed to be members of the same family in Chingola, two others are nursing serious burns.

The victims are believed to have had taken shelter under a mango tree when the lightning struck, killing the three on the spot.

Copperbelt Police chief Charity Katanga confirmed the tragedy, which happened on Saturday in Chabanyama area around 14:00 hours.

Ms Katanga named the deceased as Goza Banda, 82, of house number 15, Chabanyama, his grandson Mathias Banda, 14, of Twashuka Township and Suzan Njamba, 44 of Chigayo area, while those injured were Grace Nakamba, 60, and Dorcas Nanyangwe, who were both admitted to Nchanga North Hospital.

She said the victims were in the garden when the rains characterised by lightning started.