**Muluzi’s daughter killed by lightning strike: Malawi ex-president left ‘devastated’**

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First born daughter to former president Bakili Muluzi, Mrs Esme Muluzi-Malisita has been killed by lightning while at her farm at Mpemba in Blantyre, a relation Dr Ishamel Chioko has confirmed.

Muluzi-Malisita died when lightning struck her and a friend Hazel Busile while the two were helping out in fertiliser application at a garden in Mpemba.

She was rushed to Mwaiwathu Private Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The former president is reportedly devastated with the death of his first-born child who was also sister to Minister of Lands Housing and Urban Development Atupele Muluzi.

Chioko said the family are “heartbroken”. Muluzi-Malisita, who was married to Dr Ken Malisita, was until her death one of the directors for Joy Media Group responsible for marketing.

A vigil is taking place at the deceased’s residence at New Naperi as the family is still discussing funeral arrangements, according to Chioko.

Born on August 31 1969 Muluzi-Malisita is survived by a husband and children