**Lightning strike kills three family members, injures one in northern Ethiopia**

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ADDIS ABABA, Oct. 2 (Xinhua) -- A lightning strike in Ethiopia's Amhara regional state located in the northern part of the country has killed a family of three, an Ethiopian official said on Wednesday.

Dejen Wodage, Chief Police Inspector of Waghimera zone in Amhara regional state, said a lightning strike on a residential house on Monday evening left a father and his two children dead, reported state media outlet Ethiopia News Agency.

Wodage said a four-year-old child who was badly injured in the lightning strike is currently being treated in a nearby medical facility.

Ethiopia is in the midst of a rainy season which started in July and is expected to last until early October, which occasionally causes landslides and lightning strikes in some parts of the east African country.