Lightning bolt kills 3 in Luapula, (Zambia)

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Three people of Chief Puta's area in Chienge district in Luapula Province have died after being struck by lightning.

Luapula Province commissioner of police Hudson Namachila said in an interview yesterday that the incident happened on Sunday around 17:00 hours.

Mr Namachila identified the victims as Agnes Chanda, 4, Kabaya Chipili, 22, and Kakaso Makamba, 55, all of Kapata village.

"We received a report of death in which the three, all of Kapata village in Chief Puta, were struck by lightning and died on the spot," Mr Namachila said.

He said the bodies have since been buried.