

LIGHTNING STRIKE NEAR COLENZO KILLS THREE (South Africa)

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In a second incident, separate to the one in the Vryheid area, another three people have been killed by lightning... This time in the Colenso area on the Weenen road.

Lightning apparently struck the house the victims were in. Sadly, a mother (46), her daughter of 9 years old, and her 10-year-old niece were killed. The lady's husband amazingly survived the incident.

Paramedics treated one of the neighbours for stress and shock after they came to assist just after the incident, and was overwhelmed.

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On Saturday afternoon, typical of KwaZulu Natal summer weather, there have been several thunderstorms, especially over Northern KZN.

In Madulini, in eDumbe near Vryheid in the Zululand district of KZN, three people were killed, apparently when lightning struck the house they were in. Two elderly ladies, aged between 70 and 80 years old, and a man of about 60 years old had already passed away when paramedics arrived at the scene. The paramedics treated three female patients (two were aged 52 and the other 49) who had survived the strike. The ladies who survived the strike were all in a serious condition and KZN Emergency Medical Services paramedics stabilised them on scene before transporting them to the local eDumbe Community Health Centre.

EMRS flight crews reported that the satellite weather report showed multiple storms over the Northern KZN area.

This story will be updated.