

Sudan: Lightning Strike in Darfur Kills Father, Leaves Sons in Coma

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North Darfur — A father and his two sons were hit by lightning as they were caught in a thunderstorm while collecting hay in North Darfur. The father died on the spot and the two sons are at the hospital in coma.

Speaking to Radio Dabanga, the family's relative said the father Mohamed Abdulkarim Ahmed, 35, and the children were on a valley in the vicinity of Kabkabiya when the accident happened.

Also in North Darfur, a child was killed, 80 houses collapsed, and more than 100 died due to heavy rainfall and flood.

A source from the area of Baashin in Kutum locality said that Tuesday's rain flooded the nearby wadi leading to the destruction.

According to UN OCHA, this year's rain victims have amounted so far to about 150,000 across the whole country. Government sources say that 23,000 families have been affected by rain in the whole country.