**Guinea Siguiri: a young man killed by lightning in a gold mine in Franwalia - Guinea**

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A Sierra-Leonean national was killed by lightning yesterday, Tuesday April 15, 2025, in a gold mine called “Samba Koussaya”, in the Franwalia sub-prefecture, Siguiri prefecture. The victim was lying under a shelter with his wife when lightning struck the electrical panel powering the spotlights illuminating the premises, Guineematin.com learnt from one of its reporters.

When questioned, Djimba Kouyaté, président of the Franwalia Red Cross, explained the circumstances in which the tragedy occurred.

“We had a heavy blow at around 3 a.m. here. There are citizens working in the Franwalia gold mine called Samba Koussaya. They turned on the power and the panel. It was through this panel that lightning killed a man while he was in bed with his wife. When we (the Red Cross) were informed, along with the district presidents and the youth, we went to the scene.

The man who died was a Sierra Leonean by the name of Mamadi Kourouma. We invite all citizens to reach for their devices, especially telephones, when it threatens to rain. The onset of the rainy season is very threatening. Lightning is very dangerous”, he said.

The authorities of the rural commune of Franwalia handed over the victim's body to his family for burial after completing the administrative formalities.

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