

FOUR FAMILIES MEMBERS KILLED BY LIGHTNING

02/03/2003

PIETERMARITZBURG Feb 3 Sapa

Four members of the same family were killed and four injured on Sunday when a hut on the Morgazone farm near Mooi River was struck by lightning, KwaZulu-Natal police reported.

Spokesman Captain Joshua Gwala said eight members of a family were inside the hut when it was struck by lightning at 5.45pm. The four dead, all women, were identified as Beauty Ntuli, 61, To Ntuli, 38, Nellie Ntuli, 24, and Sisi Ntuli, 22.

Zodwa Ntuli, Sesi Ntuli, Nqobile Ntuli, and Halasane Ntuli, ages unknown, were taken to the Estcourt hospital. Autopsies would be performed to determine the exact cause of death.