**Lightning strikes kill 3, injure 4 across Unity State – South Sudan**

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At least three people were killed by bolts of lightning and four others injured in Mayiendit and Rubkona counties in Unity State last Wednesday and Thursday.

Floods after torrential rains also displaced an estimated 60,000 people in Mayiendit County last week, according to state officials.

Unity State Information Minister Engineer Gatwich Bipal Both told Radio Tamazuj over the weekend that two deaths and three injuries were recorded in Rubkona County’s Rioriak Payam, while one person died and another was injured in Rubkuach Payam in Mayiendit County.

He added that several homes were destroyed by rainfall in Koch County, and 35 goats were killed by bolts of lightning.

“One of the deceased in Mayiendit County was identified as Wuor Yuot Koang, but the other two dead were not named. Those who died in Rubkona County’s Rioriak Payam were not identified,” he said. “As the information ministry, we send our condolences to the families who lost their loved ones to the lightning strikes across the state.”

A resident of Rioriak Payam, Gatkuoth Gai, told this publication by phone that the injured are receiving treatment at a local health facility and described the situation as devastating.

“The three people died in different locations of Mayiendit and Rubkonta counties when it was raining on Wednesday and Thursday last week,” he said. “The heavy rains also displaced many people.”