

Lightning kills Caprivi man [Namibia]

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WINDHOEK- A 69-year-old man died on Sunday when he was struck by lightning at Machana village in the Sibbinda Constituency in the Caprivi Region.

The victim has been identified as Machana Benson Ndamae. Yesterday, an eight-year-old girl died after being struck by lightning at Mwazi village in the Kongola Constituency in Caprivi Region.

It is reported that heavy rains were experienced in the region since last week accompanied by lightning.

Reports say that the elderly man was at home with his wife and their child. His wife and the child escaped unhurt. The lightning struck at around 06h00.

The eight year-old girl who died was apparently in a hut with another four-year-old girl at the time.

She died on the spot while the four-year-old girl escaped unhurt. The children's parents were at home but were in a different hut. The incident happened around 17h00.

There are also reports that some houses in Choto informal settlement have been destroyed following heavy rains last week leaving families homeless.

Caprivi Crime Investigation Coordinator, Deputy Commissioner, Rudolf Kanyetu confirmed both incidents