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Lightning hits fiancé

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Port Elizabeth - In a double tragedy, a young woman's mother and her fiancé died when lightning hit them during the couple's engagement party at a beach resort.

Aisa Pooran, 28, from East London and Eugene Webb, 27, from Bethelsdorp in Port Elizabeth celebrated their engagement with family and friends at the Wells Estate beach resort on Sunday afternoon. They became engaged on Saturday night.

The group of about nine people were sitting on cement picnic benches under a corrugated iron canopy when lightning hit the shelter.

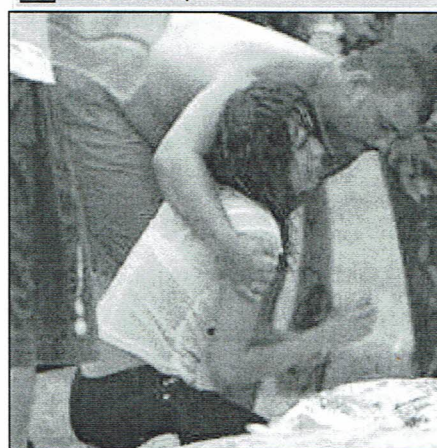
A pregnant Joelynn Mohamed, 31, who were among the guests, said she felt "a shock sensation" in her stomach.

Died instantly

She said the lightning first toppled Fatima Pooran, 56, from her seat and then hit Webb's sister, Maureen Jacobs, 45.

It then hit Jacobs's son, Breyton, 12, before throwing Webb to the ground.

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Lifesaver Kirsten Ingram supports Aisa Pooran, who is sitting with the body of her mother, Fatima Pooran, at Wells Estate. (Werner Hills, Die Burger)

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