

Lightning strikes five Chibombo pupils [Zambia]

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FIVE pupils of Cheneme Basic School in Keembe Constituency of Chibombo District are battling for their lives in a health centre after they were struck by lightning on Friday afternoon.

The five, all of the same school, were struck while standing in a school corridor at about 15:30 hours.

Central Province Police chief Solomon Jere, who confirmed the incident in Kabwe yesterday, said the five were nursing lightning burns and shocks at Malabayama Clinic.

Dr Jere identified the four boys and one girl as Eziah Mweene, a Grade one pupil, Mulenga Mpande and Arnold Rupie in Grade four, Maglo Mwaba and Clement Mulongo who are in Grade six.

He described the condition of the victims as stable and that their families informed police that they intended to consult a witch doctor over the incident.