

Three die in shebeen lightning tragedy [Zimbabwe]

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THREE people died and seven others were injured last night after they were struck by lightning while having drinks at a local shebeen [tavern] in Hatcliffe, Harare.

Harare provincial spokesperson Inspector Tadius Chibanda confirmed the deaths.

"There was a group of people who were drinking beer at a shebeen in Hatcliffe at around 7pm. They are said to have been struck by lightning and three died on the spot, while seven others were injured and are currently at Parirenyatwa Hospital," said Chibanda.

He could, however, not give names of the deceased as their next of kin were yet to be informed.

He, nevertheless, said the incident was the first lightning tragedy recorded in the country this season. About 100 lives are lost in Zimbabwe annually due to lightning.

Most of the fatalities occur in rural areas, the majority being children seeking shelter under trees, which is not advisable when it's raining.

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