



Lighting Strikes Two People Dead

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TWO people died while two others are nursing injuries after being struck by lightning in Chingola yesterday.

Jameson Lamba of Nchanga North township was struck by lightning at his farm near Kapisha township and died instantly.

Chingola district commissioner Toby Maliti confirmed the incident and that of Christabel Mumba who died in similar circumstances.

Ms Mumba was struck by lightning as she was trying to seek refuge at a house belonging to a Mr Felix Chomba. The bolt that struck Ms Mumba also hit Mr Chomba and a small boy of the same house.

Mr Chomba and the boy were both admitted to Nchanga North General Hospital.

And a 44-year-old man of Libonda area, Kalabo district, suffered broken legs when part of a collapsing classroom fell on him in a storm on Tuesday.

Fabeas Mubiana Nahonga was in one of the classrooms of Libonda Basic school when the storm swept through the building.

As he tried to run away, falling pillars of the building hit both of his legs. He was transferred to the UTH in Lusaka for treatment.

Kalabo district commissioner Mwiya Wanyambe confirmed the incident, which he described as unfortunate. His office, in conjunction with the district hospital, facilitated the evacuation of Mr Nahonga from Kalabo to the UTH.

Meanwhile, the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) has observed that the current rain pattern is likely to affect the food basket in Zambia.

The JCTR said the development could be reversed if irrigation system was promoted during the dry spells.

The Catholic organisation urged Government to resort to irrigation in order to fight poverty in rural