**SAD NEWS: Lightning Strike Leaves One Dead, Four Others Injured - Kenya**

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One person has died and four others have been seriously injured after a lightning strike hit a house in Thange, Kibwezi, Makueni County.

According to Maikuu Location Chief Nicholas Mwonga, the five victims were inside the house seeking shelter from the rain when the lightning struck.

The four injured individuals were rushed to Kibwezi Sub-County Hospital for treatment. Their current condition remains unknown.

The tragic incident occurred on Friday amid ongoing long rains being experienced in various parts of the country.

The Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) has been issuing regular updates and warnings about occasional lightning and thunderstorms in some parts of the country, especially during the ongoing March-April-May long rains season.

Residents in affected regions have been urged to take extra precautions during heavy downpours.

This latest incident highlights the dangers associated with extreme weather events during the rainy season, particularly in areas prone to lightning strikes. The meteorological department is continuing to monitor weather patterns and advise the public to follow safety guidelines.