**Mwenga: Lightning Strike in Kilungutwe Kills One, Injures Another, and Damages Property – DRC**  
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16 August 2025One person died and another was injured by lightning that occurred on the night of Friday, August 16, 2025. The heavy rain also destroyed houses and plants along Kilungutwe shopping centre in Mwenga territory in South Kivu, causing a landslide.

According to a civil society source, the rain began from 2 p.m. until 2 a.m. causing enormous human and material damage including house property.

Two people were killed, including a 32-year-old woman who was struck at her home and died on the spot, leaving two orphans behind. The deceased was buried at her home on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Another 45 old male was also struck but survived.

This natural disaster heralds a probable famine in the coming days. Local civil society organisations are calling on the authorities and people of goodwill for a variety of support for victims whose homes were destroyed and others, facing several risks related to bad weather and disease.  
  
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