

Lightning strike kills two sisters in KZN [South Africa]

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Durban - The aunt of two sisters, who were struck by lightning while asleep in their home on Monday, said she desperately tried to save them.

Sindi Khanyile, 22, and her sister Zandile, 31, were struck by lightning in their home in uMshwathi, Wartburg.

Speaking to News24, their aunt Tholakele Khanyile said she had tried to help the two women.

"When I came into the home I tried to give them first aid. Then an ambulance arrived and they were declared dead.

"The family is having a very hard time trying to cope with this. It was all so sudden and they were so young. They helped us out all the time."

The Inkatha Freedom Party said it had suffered "a great loss" with the death of the sisters, who were both party members.

IFP national chairperson Blessed Gwala said the IFP saw great potential in the deceased party members.