

Lightning kills 6 church members in Balaka

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While Malawians in some parts of the country are praying day in day out for rains following a prolonged dry spell, a lightening that accompanied rainstorm in Balaka district has left six people dead.

The deceased were part of the 40-member Phimbi Baptist Church Choir in the district.

Balaka Police Spokesperson Titani Chadwala confirmed the death of the six Christians saying the lightening struck them while worshipping on Saturday afternoon.

He said the six were pronounced dead upon arrival at Phimbi Health Center where they were rushed to after the incident.

The police publicist also said four people were injured but are currently in stable condition. Details of the deceased were not readily available.

Most parts of the country have over the last three days received heavy rains and in some areas like Khombedza in Salima district the downpour left maize gardens damaged.