

Lightning kills three in Phalombe at a funeral [Malawi]

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Three people have been killed and two others injured by lightning at a funeral ceremony in Phalombe district, Malawi police say.

Phalombe Police Station Public Relations Officer, Sub-Inspector Augustus Nkhwazi confirmed about the accident saying the two have since been hospitalized

“On Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at around 0900 hours, parts of Phalombe received rains accompanied by some thunders and lightning. It was during the rains when lightning struck at unsuspecting mourners at a funeral in Muliya village, Nyezerera T/A Kaduya in the district,” explained Nkhwazi.

Police have identified the three who died at the spot as Gladys Mmeto of Chilumphu village T/A Mulumbe and Zione Jamali of Balakasi village T/A Chikowi in Zomba, and Juliana Kampandeni of Lolo village T/A Nanseta in Thyolo.

The two who were rushed to Phalombe Health Centre for treatment have been identified as Zainabu Khamisi of Balakasi village T/A Chikowi in Zomba and Doris Muhota of Muliya village T/A Kaduya in Phalombe.