**DRC 2024 - Kalehe: Lightning strikes nine people in Maibano**

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Nine people were struck by lightning on the afternoon of Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Maibano field, Buloho chiefdom in eastern DRC, during a rainstorm that fell in this part of the Kalehe territory.

The civil society stated that each family recovered the body of their member a few minutes after this unfortunate event and the burial will take place this Monday, May 27, 2024.

Civil society activists in Kalehe territory offer their condolences to the affected families and commend the medical staff at the Maibano health center for their efforts in caring for the victims. They call on the authorities of the chiefdom and the Kalehe territory to assist the victims' families and implement initiatives to protect public places to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

Simon Weteshi of Bunyakiri Community Radio, who also confirmed the news, managed to contact Junior Munguiko, president of the Buloho civil society, who said the incident occurred during a football match.

" *It was around 4:50 p.m. local time that a lightning strike struck nine people at the Maibano field during a football match between FC Foudre de Maibano and a team from Karasi* ," said the source contacted by the African press reporter in the area.

The latter speaks of a toll of " *4 people lost their lives on the spot and 5 others were admitted to CS Maibano. And since the land is exposed and it is a public place, there must be preventive measures for this public place in order to prevent this type of situation in one way or another, although nature has its realities.* "

Our source adds that this is the first time that this city has been affected by such a natural disaster.

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