

Lightning kills woman [Zambia]

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A THIRTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD woman was killed by lightning in Katete while she was asleep with her husband in a thatched house in the early hours of yesterday.

Eastern Province commissioner of police Eugene Sibote said Joyce Banda, 31, was struck by lightning leaving her with severe burns.

Mr Sibote said in Chipata yesterday that Mrs Banda died on the spot while her husband was unhurt. Mrs Banda, of Senior Chief Mbang'ombe, met her fate around 00:30 hours.

"Banda died on the spot after she sustained several burns and police who went to the scene around 04:00 hours found her dead," he said.