

EASTERN CAPE LIGHTNING STRIKES KILL THREE, INJURE 17.

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Three people were killed and another 17 were slightly injured in four separate lightning strikes near Umtata in the Eastern Cape on Monday, police said on Tuesday.

Captain Alfred Jozana said nine people were struck at Luthubeni around 9pm and they were taken to Umtata General hospital where one of them died and the others were treated for minor injuries and discharged.

Eleven people were hit by lightning in separate strikes at Debe, Ngcwala and Hlabatshane. Two of them were killed instantly and the other nine were treated at the Umtata hospital and discharged.