**DRC - Kalehe: Teenage girl struck down in Mbinga-north**

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The evening of Saturday, August 9, 2025, was marked by a tragic tragedy in the Mbinga Nord group, in the village of Kabulu 1st, in Kalehe territory, South Kivu.   A 17-year-old girl named Désange lost her life after being struck by lightning during a violent storm that hit the region.

The information was confirmed by Mr. Timothée, a registered nurse at the Mweha health center, located in the same village.

According to him, in addition to this loss of life, several material damages were recorded: houses were damaged and several goats died due to lightning.   This tragedy comes on top of a series of similar incidents that regularly strike this region.

It should be recalled that last July, five people, including a child, were killed after being struck by lightning in the neighboring village of Ruhunde, still in the same Mbinga Nord group. Other victims were hospitalized following their injuries.

Faced with this alarming situation, Mr. Timothée calls on the authorities, humanitarian organizations and people of goodwill to come to the aid of the affected families, but also to consider preventive solutions to protect the inhabitants against this natural phenomenon which is becoming increasingly deadly in the region.

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