**Lightning Strikes Neem Tree in Namibia**

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The lightning incident took place at Eembidi village, in Ohangwena Region (north-central Namibia). This is a farmland with crop fields and rural households.   
  
The lightning struck a Neem tree in a household at 17°31'16.43" S and 16°01'39,26"E, again another tree in the crop field at 17°31'19.15"S and 16°01'41,56"E. A 26 year old woman and small kids were at home when the incidence took place. But they are not harmed (the woman said she was a room with kids and saw that the lightning was heavy but did not know that it struck the tree until shortly after the rain when another lady came in the house to observe what had happened).  
  
In 2015 another lightning struct a Makalani/Palm tree that was close to the Neem Tree. Later in the same year (2015) the Makalani tree has been removed. There are other Makalani trees in the field.   
  
Inside the homestead, there are other trees such as Euphobia, Sausage tree (Kigeria afrikana), Apple leaf/ rain tree (Philonoptera violacea) and Mahogany tree.

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