**7 killed by lightning in Zimbabwean village**

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Harare - Six children and an adult were killed by lightning in a remote village in southern Zimbabwe, state TV reported on Tuesday.

The Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation said on its evening bulletin that the six children were aged between 4 and 11.

The incident happened on Monday afternoon in Mugwinyi village in Bikita district.

The seven were sheltering in two thatched huts when the lightning struck.

Three people have already been killed by lightning in Tsholotsho district, also in southern Zimbabwe, since the rainy season began in December.

Parts of Zimbabwe, including the capital Harare, have been battered by storms and heavy rains this week.