**Lightning kills 4, severely burns 10 in Zimbabwe**

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Matebeleland North: 4 individuals lost their lives after they were struck by lightning in Tsholotsho and Lupane districts on weekend.

10 others survived with severe burns.

Among the dead were 2 ZCC church members who were killed on the spot while 8 others were rushed to hospital in Lupane on Sunday after being struck by a bolt of lightning during a church service in the bush.

The previous day, a woman and her 2-year-old son were killed by lightning in Tsholotsho.

The woman’s 21-year-old daughter and her two-year-old son survived the lightning but sustained severe burns and are admitted to Tsholotsho District hospital.

Local authorities have come out to advise members of the public not to be under trees when it is raining to avoid exposing themselves to lightning strikes.

Zimbabwe is currently experiencing thunder storms which are the main cause for lightning related deaths.