**Gasabo: Lightning kills three siblings- Rwanda**

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In Bumbogo Sector, Gasabo District, lightning struck and killed three siblings.

This tragic incident occurred on the evening of Wednesday, October 23, 2024, during a rainstorm accompanied by lightning.

The event took place in Gikumba Village, Nyabikenke Cell, Bumbogo Sector.

A resident from the area told UMUSEKE that the children were struck by lightning while their mother had gone out, leaving them at home.

He said, “After the rain stopped in the evening, we were informed that a woman who had gone to the road, as she lives alone with her children, came back to find her kids had been struck.”

According to him, two of the children died instantly, while the third passed away later after being taken to the hospital.

He added that the children’s mother was also taken to the hospital due to shock from losing her children.

Reports suggest that when the lightning struck, the electricity went out, raising suspicions that it may have also hit a power transformer.

Security forces and local authorities arrived at the scene to investigate the incident.

The Executive Secretary of Bumbogo Sector, Innocent Nyamutera, confirmed the tragedy to UMUSEKE, stating that they are providing support to the family.

He said, “Yes, it’s true, three children were struck. One was nine years old, another six, and the youngest was three. They were struck while inside their house, and we are still investigating other details.”

Meteo Rwanda recently urged citizens to take precautions against natural disasters caused by the heavy rains expected.

By May 2024, the Ministry of Emergency Management (MINEMA) reported that since the beginning of 2024, Rwanda had experienced 288 different disasters, resulting in 49 deaths and 79 injuries.

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