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Lightning strikes eight dead in hut

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Eight South African children aged up to nine were killed by lightning which struck the grass hut in which they were sleeping on Tuesday night, state-run radio reported last night.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation said the children - five boys and three girls - burned to death at Giyani in the nominally self-governing tribal homeland of Gazankulu.

It said nine other huts were destroyed by lightning in the same area, but without further injury.

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