MELAKA: Fifteen students attending a scouts camp at Pengkalan Badak Bukit Katil here were rushed to the Melaka Hospital for observation after being traumatized by lightning that struck the camp area on Sunday evening.

The students from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan St. Francis were among 569 students from all over Melaka, attending the camp that would be held from today till April 14.

Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam who confirmed the incident said all the students complained of pain in their body after lightning struck the camping area at about 5.30pm.

He however said, even though the students involved did not sustain any serious injuries, they were sent to the hospital for observation to determine whether they were affected by the lightning which struck the area.

"All the affected students were in high spirit and wished to continue with the camp," he said after visiting the victims at the Melaka Hospital here today.

The Chief Minister also assured their parents that the students were being looked after by trained personnel from the Armed Forces when they are in the camp.

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