

Lightning kills two students, injures 14, Uganda

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Two students were killed and 14 others injured after a lightning incident in Pakelle Comprehensive Secondary School.

The buildings occupied by Senior One, Two, Three and Four students were also damaged.

A witness said: "After a loud thunder, I shortly heard students screaming. When I reached the scene, I saw students with injuries and blood spilled on the classroom floor."

The head teacher, Mr Tobias Aliruku, identified the dead as William Alira and Luke Okole.

Students who were critically injured were rushed to Pakelle Health Centre III before being transferred to Adjumani Hospital.

The in-charge, Mr Raphael Lagu, said: "We had to offer emergency treatment to the injured because they sustained burns and bruises."

In July, five students were injured by lightning in Koboko District, 23 from Paidha Role Model School, and six people from Yumbe.

In August, lightning killed two children from Itirikwa Sub-county, Adjumani District and injured five other people.

Meanwhile, in Arua District, 10 pupils of Muni Primary School were injured by lightning while a three year-old pupil of Sacred Heart Nursery School was killed by lightning in August.
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