

# Lightning bolt leaves 35 pupils injured

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Thirty five pupils were injured when lightning struck their school in Trans Mara West District.

Three of the Osinoni Primary School pupils sustained serious burns while the others suffered minor injuries and shock in the Monday incident.

The injured pupils were taken to Trans Mara District Hospital.

The hospital's Medical Superintendent, Dr Samwel Misoi, said one of the pupils with serious burns was transferred to Tenwek Mission Hospital.

"We have received 35 injured children, three of them with serious burns," said Dr Misoi.

Two pupils were admitted to the hospital. The rest were treated and discharged.

## **Heavy thunderstorm**

Headteacher James ole Sosio said the Standard Six pupils were in class when lightning accompanied by thunderstorm struck at 3pm.

"I was teaching in the next classroom when I heard a loud bang. The pupils panicked and ran out of the school compound screaming. When I rushed to the affected classroom I found three pupils engulfed in a ball of fire," said the headteacher.

All books and other writing materials in the classroom were destroyed.

Trans Mara West district officer Felix Kisalu asked school management committees to ensure thunder arresters were installed to avoid similar incidents.