**Lightning kills pupil, injures four Kisoro, Uganda**

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A primary four pupil died on spot after lightning struck Bushekwe Primary School in Kisoro District. Four other pupils were injured. All were in class by the time of the catastrophe.

The principal inspector of schools in the district, Mr Odo Arigye, identified the deceased as Rogers Maniragaba, a resident of Busengo village Nyarubuye Sub-county. He said lightning struck during a three-hour rainstorm on Monday. The rain also destroyed gardens worth millions of shillings in the same sub-county.

Mr Arigye said the injured pupils, Odota Nyirasabimana, P7, Roger Nteziyaremwe, P4, Florida Nyiranzanka, P5 and Lillian Twizerimana, P5, were taken to Kisoro main hospital for medical attention. “The government should come in and help in erecting strong lightning conductors to protect the school children in this district,” he said.

Other losses “Several pupils have been struck dead by lightning while at school and yet the district is too poor to afford such expensive gadgets.” He also said early this year, a primary one pupil at Rubuguri Primary School was struck by lightning. In 2009, another pupil at Gasave primary school and his mother were killed by lightning. In 2008, three pupils of Kabere primary school were also killed by lightning. “Lightning has become a real disaster in this area,” Mr Arigye said.