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Lightning has struck dead a first year student of Kotido Teacher's college and injured critically seven others. The incident happened on Saturday evening at Kotido Teacher's College, 108 kilometers, North West of Moroto town. Parasisto Amone was struck together with his friends while playing football at the college playground during a clear sky.

The injured who are admitted at Kotido Health Centre IV are Santos Okot, Bosco Oluoch, Boniface Okello, James Okalebo, Patrick Owilli, Tom Olungat and Simon Lokwang, all first year students. Irene Aceng, the Karamoja Police Spokesperson describes the incident as unfortunate. She advises schools to buy lighting arresters to avoid such incidents in the future.

John Owilli, the Principal Kotido Teacher's College says the disaster was unavoidable since it was an act of God. He says despite the fact that they have lightning arresters; they didn't help the students in the field. He however, says five out of the seven students admitted are out of danger.

This is the second time lighting strikes in Kotido district. In 2011, lightning struck dead Raffle Lotyang, a P.3 pupil at Kotido Primary school and injured her classmate during an afternoon downpour. The pair was walking home from school in Rengen Sub County in Kotido district.