

Lightning kills two pupils in Buikwe, Uganda

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Barely a week after killing three pupils of Luwombo Primary School in Buikwe District, lightning has struck again, killing two more pupils from another school and injuring eight others.

The incident occurred on Friday at Kalagala Primary School in Ngogwe Sub-county in Buikwe during a lunch-time drizzle. The head teacher, Mr Denis Olunga, said lightning struck the classroom the pupils were in. Police identified the dead as Said Mugaya, 12, and Ismail Mutebi, 14, both Primary Five pupils.

Those injured are Steven Mugambe, 13, John Musoke, 14, Joshua Mibirizi, 15, and Zahara Kantono, 16, John Sekungu, 12, Jimmy Ndiwalana, 14, Bernard Seruwu and Vincent Kayemba. The injured pupils were taken to Nkokonjeru Mission Hospital where they are receiving treatment.

School to reopen Meanwhile, Runyanya Primary School in Kiryandongo District that was temporarily closed after the June, 28 lightning disaster that killed 19 pupils and injured 70 others will re-open today.

Speaking during the funeral of Justine Clande, 13, a lightning victim, at Mahonge Village last week, Kiryandongo District Chairman, Mr Ben Moro, said: "We have secured the lightning arresters to be fixed at the school blocks."