

Lightning kills three, injures 10 in Buhweju, Uganda

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Nsiika

Lightning struck three separate houses and killed three people on Sunday in Nyakishojwa village in Rwengo Sub-county, Buhweju, in the newly created district of Nsiika.

The dead were identified as Jolly Keishanyu -- who was pregnant, Bernard Tumusiime and Irene Monday. The Lightning struck amid heavy torrents at around 1pm. Other 12 people were shocked by the strike and were rushed to Kabwohe Hospital in Sheema District, some reported to be in critical condition.

Drawing water Mr Everest Bakaija, an eye witness, told Daily Monitor that Tumusiime was tapping rain water from his house when he was struck. "One victim Tumusiime like so many people do when it rains was trying to get the rain water when he was struck while the majority of those admitted were in a bar," Mr Bakaija said.

A month ago, lightning killed six pupils and destroyed property worth millions of shillings in Apac and Alebtong districts in Lango.