**Ten children killed by lightning strike while sheltering at football pitch [Uganda]**

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The young boys between the ages of 11 and 16, from the villages of Gbuluku and Nyaute, were sheltering from the rain in a grass thatched structure next to the pitch in Arua when lightning struck.

They had been playing football before the tragedy on Thursday evening.

Four survived the incident, three of whom are in a health centre receiving treatment.

[The Uganda Police Force](https://www.facebook.com/ugandaupf/posts/3277471245681946) named the children who died as Andrua Samuel, 16, Awia Kennedy, 13, Andama Godfrey, 13, Bati Gasper,15, Afeku Saviour, 13, Edema Jasiri, 15, Ocatre Patrick, 13, Asite Jordan,11, Apajobo David, 12, and Tom, 13.

“Their bodies were being taken by relatives for burial," a police statement said.

The force confirmed the survivors are 11-year-old Ayikobua Martin from Nyaute village, 14-year-old Munguci Boniface also from Nyaute village, Adriko Yofasi, 14, from Gbuluku village, and Andama Festo, nine from Gbuluku.

Other similar incidences have been confirmed elsewhere in the region, police say.

The police statement paid tribute to the young boys saying: "Its a very unfortunate and sad incident.

"May the souls of the deceased rest in peace and may the almighty God comfort the bereaved families in this trying moment.

"As for the injured, we pray for quick recovery."