

Lightning kills one, injures 2 Bweyogerere Kampala

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Kakande, a resident of Kakajjo zone in Bweyogerere, a Kampala suburb, was among the three victims of the lightning that preceded the two-hour downpour.

He was struck into a coma at around 10:00am and died on the way to Ggwaatiro Nursing Care in Bweyogerere town.

Lillian Nanyonjo, 15, a student of St. John SS in Bweyogerere, collapsed as the lightning scorched a two-bedroom house where she sat, burning all the property.

The newly-built house belonged to Ruth Mukwaya, an employee of Nakivubo Caltex station.

Joseph Kiberu, a witness, identified the other victim as Rachael Mirembe, 30, who collapsed due to shock after she battled flames in Mirembe's house before the Police arrived.

"Kakande was sweeping the compound prior to the rain. He collapsed as soon as lightning struck him.

The residents' attempts to rush him to the clinic were futile as he died before reaching the hospital," Kiberu said.

He explained that Kakande had dropped out of school two years ago and since then was looking after his sickly mother, Regina Nakafeero.

Nanyonjo received first aid, while Mirembe was still in coma and admitted at Mulago Hospital casualty ward by last evening.

"Sitting on the sofa revising books and sipping a cup of tea, I saw fire around my waist. I was so shocked and I ran out of the house immediately," Nanyonjo narrated.

"When I reached out, I saw a multitude of people shouting. Later, I realised our house was ablaze. I lost my sh4,000 in the fire."

According to Rehema Mubiru, the LCI vice-chairperson, the fire brigade was called in by Kira municipality

mayor Mamerito Mugerwa.

A teary Mukwaya said: "I have lost almost everything I had in life. My TV set, radio, beds, sideboard and a wardrobe."