**Storm wreaks havoc in 3 districts [Uganda]**

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In Buikwe District, lightning struck eight pupils of Ssenyi Modern Primary School at Ssenyi Landing Site. Mr Joseph Bukenya, the director of Ssenyi Modern Primary School, said the victims also included three teachers, who were conducting lessons in Primary Five and Six classes.

“All the affected pupils were taken to St Charles Lwanga Hospital after lightning struck them, for the teachers, they sustained minor injuries and managed to get first aid and they are now back to school,” he said. Mr Bukenya said the affected pupils are between 10 and 13 years old. These include Sheila Namusisi, Alinda Kisakye, Marble Nalumaga, Joyce Babirye, Ian Bogere, Owen Kisiga, Sylvia Nalugera, Christine Nakalema, and Gift Nafuna. The injured teachers are Luke Otim, Merab Akwaso, and Idine Bakunda.

Mr Bukenya said they have agreed with parents to install lightning conductors at the school. “As a school, we may not be able to purchase the lightning arresters and we, therefore, want parents to contribute some money so that we can install the conductors and save the children,” Mr Bukenya added.