

Kenya: Five Pupils Struck Dead By Lightning in Kakamega

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Five primary school pupils were struck dead by lightning while sheltering from rain under a tree in Kakamega on Thursday evening.

Another student was injured in the incident at a field in St Luke's Lumakanda Boys' High School, Lugari subcounty.

"The boys from different primary schools in the area were playing football at around 4.30pm when it started raining," said Lugari police boss Bernard Macharia.

Macharia said the five died at the scene while the one injured was taken to Lumakanda subcounty hospital.

The boys were aged between 10 and 12, he said.

Macharia urged learning institutions to install lightning arrestors to prevent such incidents.

He further called for the education of children on what to do when it rains to avoid being struck by lightning.

Governor Wycliffe Oparanya and Lugari MP Ayub Savula sent their condolences to the boys' families.

Oparanya assured the county government's support while Savula promised to make arrangements for the installation of lightning arrestors.

The bodies were taken to Chebaiwa hospital mortuary in Uasin Gishu county.