

# Lightning kills 5 pupils

## MUBENDE

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What started as a normal day at school ended in tragedy when lightning killed five pupils and injured 20 others.

The incident occurred at Kabyuma Primary School in Kitenga sub-county, Mubende district on Friday evening.

John Basariza, the headteacher of the school, said the victims were pupils in Primary Three and Primary Four, who were studying in a temporary structure supported by poles and iron sheets.

He said the injured pupils are admitted at Mubende Hospital, but are in a stable condition. He identified the deceased as Jacob Manirafasha, Jimmy Mayanja, Alex Niyonzima, Stephen Mukisa and Johnson Muhanguzi.

Another tragedy occurred at Kalembe, when a taxi lost control and overturned,

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and 15 others injured.

One of the survivors told *New Vision* that the driver was speeding and that he had warned him, but he refused to listen.

"He was driving at high speed. At one point some of the passengers even wanted to disembark," said Anaset Kiwanuka, one of the survivors, named. The driver of the taxi was identified as Emmanuel Arinaitwe, a resident of Kasambya in Mubende district, who died on the spot at the hospital while Nalongo Nalubega drove off the spot.

Alex Yeheyo, the officer in charge of the traffic department at Mubende Police Station, attributed the accident



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