

# Over 200 students arrested for striking

**KISORO**

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The Police have arrested over 200 students of Kabindi Secondary School in Kisoro district following a strike that left the school laboratory, classes and iron sheets destroyed.

According to Francis Nkurunziza, the deputy headteacher, about 700 students have been suspended, pending investigations.

Nkurunziza said the incident occurred on Monday at 1:00pm

after students held a meeting in the urinals.

The students later started hurling stones and reportedly assaulted teachers and cooks.

Nkurunziza said although the cause of the strike is not yet known, a group of students accuse the administration of failing to allow them to go for a study trip in Kasese district.

“They started beating teachers, chasing cooks as well as banging windows and doors, which forced me to call the Police for intervention,” Nkurunziza said.

Emmanuel Nvanunve, the

Kisoro district inspector of schools, condemned the act saying the students should have aired out their issues to the leaders other than demonstrating.

“The Police have arrested the suspected ringleaders and they are in custody. Soon, classes will resume normally,” he said.

Nvanunve said the school is trying to evaluate the value of the destroyed properties and parents will cover the costs.

He warned students against engaging in strikes, saying it makes them fail to complete syllabuses and leads to wastage

of resources. Police detective Robert Mugenyi, who led the operation to arrest students, condemned the act, saying the Police are investigating the cause of the strike.

Anthony Mbonye, the head prefect, said S4 and S6 students had paid fees and were supposed to go to Kasese for a study trip, but it was postponed until further notice.

“Although teachers and students had agreed that another day would be arranged for the trip. Some students went ahead and demonstrated,” Mbonye said.