

Lightning kills three in Mayuge district

MAYUGE

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Three people were killed and two others injured when lightning struck during a heavy downpour in Bukasero village, Bukatube sub-county, Mayuge district on Sunday.

The Police identified the deceased as Muniru Dembele 1, Rashid Mutebe, 27, and

Ronald Okware, 16. Survivors as Kadiri Kadabo, 17, and Matia Mugalya, 27.

Moses Kato, the LC1 chairman, said five people were struck by lightning as they took shelter at Ohudi Annex Primary School.

He said three died on the spot while the other two were rushed to Pancrass Medical Centre in Mayuge town.

Yowana Musana, a resident,

said the men were from cutting sugarcane in a nearby cane plantation and had taken shelter in the school following the downpour.

“They were employed to cut sugarcane so when it started raining, they took shelter in the school,” he said.

Musana said: “We heard a thunderous bang and then saw five people on the ground.”

He said three were struck

dead while the others were in critical condition.

The residents asked the Government to install lightning conductors in schools, hospitals and public places to save lives. In May 2016, two people were killed by lightning.

Grace Bayidye 23, and Ibra Kasolo, 35, both residents of Wante village were hit by lightning as they took shelter in maize mill.



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