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UGANDA SHUTS BORDER
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time and the true extent of the crisis has yet to be seen.

NAIROBI

A fire in a girls' dormitory in Kenya yesterday killed 16 children and hospitalised 79 in the latest deadly blaze to hit a school in the East African country.

The fire broke out shortly before 1:00am local time at Utumishi Girls Academy in Nakuru County, around 120km (75 miles) north of the capital Nairobi, officials said.

There have been many devastating

Fire in Kenya girls' school dorm kills 16

school fires in Kenya, where boarding schools are common as a colonial legacy of missionaries and the British.

"We have 16 fatalities. It's an unfortunate incident," education minister Julius Migos Ogamba told reporters at the scene, without giving ages for the victims.

The affected dormitory had shattered windows, blackened walls and a crumpled corrugated iron roof, an AFP journalist saw.

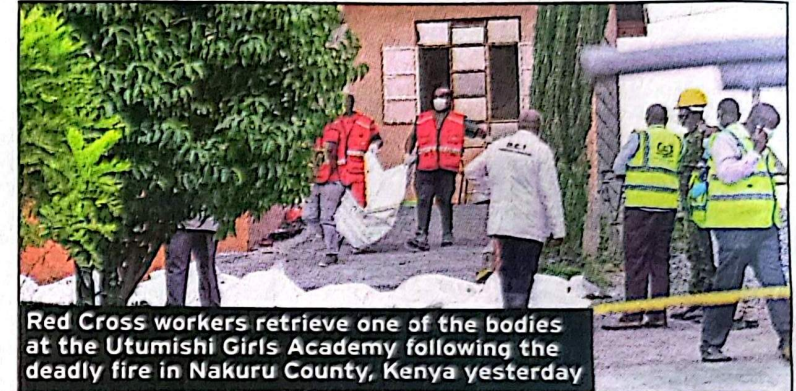
Parents of the victims were in the process of being informed by health workers at the site mid-afternoon as bodies were identified.

A distraught mother, Leila Matura, 52, said her 18-year-old daughter was still missing.

"We went to the hospital to see if she is there, she is not there. So, they are telling us, she is not around, she is among the missing," she told AFP, adding: "Whether she is dead or alive, we do not know. I'm hopeless."

Another mother, who did not wish to be named, said her 17-year-old daughter was in hospital.

"She broke both her legs jumping from the window. Thank God she is strong. It is every mother's



Red Cross workers retrieve one of the bodies at the Utumishi Girls Academy following the deadly fire in Nakuru County, Kenya yesterday

nightmare," she said.

The school is linked to the National Police Service and most pupils are the children of officers.

"When we arrived, the fire was still blazing. It was so big... It took about 45 minutes to extinguish the flames because of the mattresses inside," a firefighter, who identified himself only as Fred because he was not authorised to speak to the press, told AFP.

UNIMAGINABLE TRAGEDY

Authorities say they are still investigating the cause of the fire.

"Our hearts and prayers are with the families who have lost their beloved daughters," President William Ruto said on X, describing it as an "unimaginable tragedy".

Children have been accused of deliberately starting school fires in Kenya in the past. One report found there were 63 arson cases at schools in 2018 alone.

Yesterday, the education minister said the ministry had closed around 350 schools since 2024 for failing to comply with safety standards.

AFP



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Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) – Goods and Supply Services

Sinopec International Petroleum Service Co. (Uganda) Ltd, a contractor on the Tilenga EPSCC Project, seeks to prequalify competent Ugandan companies, citizens and duly registered entities for the provision of selected ring-fenced goods and supply services in support of the Tilenga EPSCC Project in Uganda.

Please note that ring-fenced goods and services shall only be provided by eligible Ugandan companies, Ugandan citizens and duly registered Ugandan entities in accordance with applicable National Content requirements.

1. Required Goods and Services

Interested companies are invited to express interest in the following categories:

1.1 Industrial Products and Materials Supply
Supply of steel products, electric materials, building materials and other related industrial products and materials.

1.2 Construction Hardware Supplies
Supply of construction hardware, tools and other related materials.

1.3 PPE Supplies
Supply of personal protective equipment and related supplies.

1.4 Office Materials and Related Services
Supply of stationery, toner cartridges, office furniture and related maintenance services.

2. Minimum Requirements

Interested companies shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- Registered on the National Supplier Database (NSD) under the relevant goods or service category;
- Valid company registration documents, trading licence, tax/VAT registration, bank statements and audited accounts;
- Relevant supply or service experience within the last five (5) years;
- Company profile showing supply capacity, experience, key personnel and relevant resources;
- Confirmation that no fronting, nominee arrangement, undisclosed subcontracting or arrangement inconsistent with Uganda's National Content requirements shall be used.

3. Application Submission

Interested and qualified companies are invited to submit their Expression of Interest, together with supporting documents for the minimum requirements, via email to: TIP_EPSCC_S.osec@sinopec.com

Deadline: June 10, 2026, at 5:00 PM East Africa Time (EAT)

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Late applications will not be considered. Only shortlisted applicants will be invited to participate in the subsequent bidding process. Submission of an EOI does not constitute a contract award or guarantee participation in the bidding process.