

Kigezi High School students torch dorm

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KABALE. Police have heavily deployed at Kigezi High School in Kabale Town after students staged a violent strike on Monday night.

Students burnt the prefects' dormitory, commonly known as the White House, and destroyed property at one of the teachers' residences.

The Kigezi regional police spokesperson, Mr Elly Maate, said the deployment is aimed at providing a conducive environment for the Senior Four students that are doing their final examinations as investigations to identify the ring leaders continue.

Mr Maate said the strike started, following the expulsion of some of the Senior Five students.

He said the striking students reportedly accused the prefects

of being behind the dismissal of their colleagues.

"They proceeded to the school prefects' dormitory and set it on fire. The police quickly deployed and the situation has normalised," Mr Maate said.

He also said the head teacher, Mr Stephen Mugume, was expected to make a police statement on what happened. Mr Mugume did not pick up repeated calls.

Mr Maate said the students found culpable will be prosecuted.

The strike comes at a time when the administrators, well-wishers and old students are preparing to celebrate the school's 100 years of existence.

Earlier this year, students went on a sit down strike demanding the transfer of their deputy head teacher in charge of discipline Edison Bakiga accusing him of harassment.