

5 KIU students die in accident

Incident. Police say the taxi rammed into a parked truck in Nakasongola along the Kampala-Gulu Highway.

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KAMPALA. Students of Kampala International University (KIU) in Kansanga, Kampala, are mourning their colleagues, who perished in an accident in Nakasongola District on Saturday.

Four students and a Rwandan national died on spot after a taxi they were travelling in rammed into a truck parked by the roadside at Kakooze Village on the Kampala-Gulu highway.

The fifth student died shortly after reaching Nsambya hospital.

Mr Paul Kangave, the Savanna regional police spokesperson, said the taxi overturned several times after knocking the truck.

"The students were coming from a party at Walusi in Nakasongola District at about 8pm. Five died on spot while those with injuries were taken to St Francis clinic in Kakooze," Mr Kangave said.

The university's deputy guild president, Ms Mary Kabaikiriza, said her colleagues had gone to attend a wedding.

"Sarah Katushabe's brother was wedding and she invited her friends. It is unfortunate they died on their way back," Ms Kabaikiriza said.

She said those involved in the accident were members of KIU-Banyarwanda Students Association.

The deceased are Frank



Mourning. Some students gather by a fire place at Kampala International University main campus to mourn the death of their colleagues yesterday. PHOTO BY JOSEPH KATO

Ngalambe, a third year student of Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Vincent Kwizera, a third year student of BBA, Fred Kasasira, a third year student of Bachelor Tourism and Hotel Management, Fred Mutabazi, a first year student of BBA, and Emmanuel Shema, a second year student of Bachelor of Arts in Education.

The Rwandan national was identified as Samson Makwenjere. He had been given a lift.

Seven other students, who sus-

tained injuries, were taken to Nsambya hospital in Kampala.

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Involved. Number of injured students admitted to Nsambya hospital.

They are Wilber Niyonzima, Annet Nzamukosa, Janet Nyirabagambe, Jimmy Mugisha, Dean Kamasa, Aidah Kirabo and Martin Kabazarwa.

A medical worker attending to the injured students, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorised to speak to the media, said the students' condition had improved except Niyonzima who was in Intensive Care Unit.

The KIU dean of students, Ms Jovia Kilwana, who was at the hospital, declined to comment and referred this newspaper to the university spokesperson, Mr Alex Busingye, who did not answer nor return our repeated calls.