LRA VICTIM SCORES 19 POINTS IN UACE

By Paul Kiwuuwa

Despite losing his parents at a young age, Ensio Okidi Payesu has excelled in the 2025 Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE), scoring 19 points.

Payesu lost his mother, Akidi Santina and his father, Oryem Mateo, during a 2005 attack by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebels, led by Joseph Kony in Agago district.

In the recently released results, Payesu scored 4 in general paper, A in mathematics, B in chemistry, A in biology and 2 in information and communication technology.

After completing Senior Four, Payesu almost lost hope of continuing his education due to financial challenges. However, Dr Emma Wanyama, a Good Samaritan and executive director of the Pure Heart Child Foundation Uganda for Education, sponsored his studies at St Kizito High School, Namugongo in Wakiso district.

Payesu now hopes to pursue a bachelor of medicine, bachelor of surgery) at Mbarara University of Science and Technology.

Another beneficiary supported by the foundation, Joram Boaz Kwomu, an orphan from Namisindwa district, also scored 19 points. He hopes to pursue the same course at Makerere University.

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Kwomu (left) and Payesu celebrate their performance at their home in Naalya, Wakiso