**Lightning Strikes in Kisoro, Two Dead**

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Lightning has struck two people dead in Kisoro district, western Uganda.

The victims include Flora Bwimana, a resident of Matembe village and Twizere Sibomana, a resident of Rukopfe village in Murora sub-county. They were both struck dead at around 7 pm.

Jackson Sebakunzi, Rukopfe village LC I chairman says the victims were returning home from the garden during the Friday downpour. Later, traditional cleansing was carried out before the bodies were taken away by their families. The hilly districts of western Uganda are prone to lightning incidents.

Earlier, on January 15 this year, lightning struck dead six cows and 12 sheep belonging to Fred Ishungisa, also known as Rukara, a farmer from Ntungamo village in Katenga parish, Kaharo sub-county, Kabale district.

Ishungisa was grazing animals at Kinyinya hil during an evening drizzle when he saw lightning striking the animals. Lightning also struck four children of the same family in Sheema district place on January 13, 2024, in Kimondo II village, Kitagata ward, in Kitagata town council.

The victims, Trevor Mujuni Trevor, 11, Shanitah Akankunda Shanitah, 9, Comfort Nahabwe Comfort, 10, and Ainembabazi, 7, were all in the kitchen when the incident occurred.

In December 2023, lightning struck Treasure Arinda, a 13-year-old son of Vincent Wednesday and a primary five pupil at Kacherere primary school, and Elia Mwebesa, also 13 years old and the son of Patrick Barigigye. They were residents of Kilwa village, Kiruruma ward, Kacherere town council, Rubanda district, and the incident happened while they were collecting firewood.