

Rain, lightning kill four in Masaka and Lwengo

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In Summary

Two people were struck by lightning and another two drowned.

Heavy rain accompanied by lightning has killed at least four people in Masaka and Lwengo districts.

The separate incidents happened on Tuesday and Wednesday at Mpumudde Village in Ndagwe Sub-county in Lwengo District and Kayunga Village, Mukungwe Sub-county in Masaka District.

According to Mr Hanidu Ssenyonjo, the secretary for defence at Mpumudde village, the rain started on Tuesday at around 4pm and lasted until Wednesday, killing three people in the village.

Mr Ssenyonjo said 65-year-old Maria Nanyonga was struck by lightning as she prepared food in her kitchen during the downpour on Tuesday at 6pm.

He said Godfrey Nyondo, 41, died after he was swept away by running water near his home, adding that an eight-year-old boy identified as Faid Mayanze, a son of Moses Keryampeera, was swept away by the water and drowned in a valley dam on Wednesday morning.

Meanwhile, Maria Nabunje a Senior Three student at St. Antony Kawunga Secondary School in Masaka, died instantly on Tuesday after she was struck by lightning at the school.