

Lightning strikes 12 pupils in Gulu, Uganda

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GULU LIGHTNING yesterday struck 12 children and two instantly died. The catastrophe occurred at 5:00pm at Gulu Municipal Council Stadium where pupils from various primary schools in the district had converged for the national athletics competition.

One of the dead has been identified as Patrick Okello of Gulu Public Primary School. The two died on the way to Gulu independent Hospital. When contacted yesterday, Gulu Municipal Sports Officer, Mr Aleo Otto Okot said: "The calamity struck due to heavy rainfall and we have lost so far two pupils. We have suspended the competition until further notice and we are going to have an emergency meeting tomorrow [Friday] to see what to do.

"We want to help those who are injured and have been admitted, he added. Some of the injured include: Betty Akech, Beatrice Amadrio, Presca Makaringa, Florence Naguru, Concy Lajara, Pasca Okello, Joy Nyeko, and Peter Opio among others.