**18 lightning strike survivors discharged from health facility in Lamwo- Uganda**https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/news/18-lightning-strike-survivors-discharged-from-NV\_198973

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Some of the survivors of a deadly lightning strike that occurred inside Palabek Refugee Settlement in Uganda's northern district of Lamwo have been discharged from a health facility.

Fourteen people died when lightning struck a church within the refugee settlement at around 6:30pm on Saturday (November 2).

The deceased were all South Sudanese teens, aged 13 to 18.

Some of the occupants of the chapel when the lightning struck during heavy rainfall were members of the church choir, who were reportedly doing rehearsals at the time.

Others had been playing football in the church grounds, before seeking shelter inside the facility when the rain started.

The church is located in Zone 2, Block 8.

Authorities in Lamwo said 18 survivors have since been released from Paluda Health Centre III while six remain in critical condition.

William Komakech, the Lamwo resident district commissioner (RDC), said the 18 were discharged after receiving treatment and ruled out of danger. The remaining half a dozen continue to be closely monitored.

Christopher Omal, the chairperson of Palabek Ogili sub-county, said they buried the deceased on Sunday at the designated burial site within the refugee settlement, with assistance from a development partner.

Fivi Akulu, the refugee desk officer for Palabek Refugee Settlement, declined to comment when reached for comment by Radio Rupiny.

Charles Odongtho, the public relations officer for the Office of Prime Minister, confirmed the tragic development and said they would provide further comments in due course.