

# Students faint as police arrest 15 in hostel raid

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**KAMPALA.** Several students fainted after police deployed to quell protests at Makerere University yesterday threw teargas canisters inside Kann Hostel in Kikoni neighbourhood.

Police officers raided the hostel on Prince Kimerera Road and arrested an undisclosed number of students who were whistling from their rooms.

Teargas canisters were also thrown at journalists as they tried to establish the number of affected students. One police officer, whose name tag had been shielded,

ordered journalists to leave or be killed saying "they had taken enough" recordings and photos.

"You leave now. What you have covered is enough. You now have to choose between life and death. You either leave or face the wrath," the officer said.

As the journalists left, police pickup trucks ferried students from the hostel to custody.

Prior to the raid, countless students, mostly girls, residing at the said hostel collapsed after inhaling teargas and were taken to Jovi Clinic on Sir Apollo Kaggwa Road.

Attempts to talk to the victims and establish the

number of the affected were futile as the clinic administrators denied the journalist entry.

"We do not want your cameras inside here. You go and cover teargas and live us to do our work," an unidentified male medical personnel told the journalists.

Police later disclosed that the arrested students had been taken to Wandegaya Police Station and put their number at 15 students.

Kampala Metropolitan spokesperson Patrick Onyango denied any security raid on the hostel. He said all those arrested were those picked up in the course of the riots.