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Uganda Red Cross attends to 167 injuries in Walk to Work demonstrations

The Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) attended to 167 people that were injured during the country wide Walk to Work and Makerere University demonstrations. 100 people sustained injuries as a result of the Walk to Work demonstrations while 67 students were injured in the Makerere University riots.

URCS Secretary General Michael Richard Nataka said of the 167 injured, 4 had head injuries with wounds, 17 sustained gun shot wounds, 80 fainted and sustained minor injuries, 35 became unconscious as a result of tear gas, 6 sustained leg cuts and fractures, 12 were unconscious after sustaining serious injuries. 8 cases were of headaches, 4 died after sustaining stray bullet wounds while 1 person broke a clavicle bone. Three deaths were reported in Gulu on April 14th, while one death was reported in Kasangati, Wakiso district on April 18th, 2011.

The walk to work demos took place on April 11th, 14th and 18th while the Makerere University riots were on April 15th.

Nataka hailed all the parties involved in the operation for respecting Uganda Red Cross Society and giving it access to save lives of those that were injured. "Our focus was to save lives by evacuating and providing first aid services to whoever needed our help. URCS staff and volunteers dedicated their efforts to saving lives while at the same time respecting the dignity of those assisted," he said.

The injured were referred to Mulago Hospital, Nsambya Hospital, Kawala Hospital, Gulu Hospital, Mukono health centre, Gwattiro Nursing Home Bweyogere. Most of the injured have since been discharged.

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