

Christian Youth Leader Murdered by Machete in Tanzania

A Christian youth leader has been murdered in Tanzania and two others seriously injured.

World Watch Monitor reports machete-wielding assailants attacked the men during an all-night worship service at Gilgal Christian Worship Center, near Lake Victoria.

The man killed was identified as Elias Lunyamila Meshack, a 35-year-old youth leader. The bishop of the church said the motive of the attack is unclear, but it was not a robbery.

“I don’t think this was robbery because the aim of robbers is to steal money and other items, yet nothing was stolen here,” Bishop Eliabu Sentozi reportedly said.

Christians in Tanzania have been victims of Muslim persecution over the past few years.

Several pastors and church members have been killed, while other believers have suffered acid attacks. Churches have been bombed or torched and properties have been destroyed.