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The Uganda Quran Schools Association has released the Islamic Primary Leaving Examination (PLE) results for 2025, with 5,413 learners passing in first grade.

A total of 8,815 learners sat for last year's Islamic PLE in 439 schools, according to Dr Haruna Abdulhamiid Jemba, the secretary general of the Uganda Quran Schools Association.

Of these, 5,413 learners passed in first grade, 1,839 were in second grade, 512 in third grade and 539 in fourth grade. A total of 416 learners were ungraded, while 51 learners did not turn up for the exams.

"There has been an improvement in the performance this year compared to last year's results. This year, boys excelled in performance compared to girls countrywide," Jemba observed.

In 2024, a total of 4179 learners passed in first grade out of the 7,485 students that sat for Islamic PLE. A total

Islamic PLE results released, UNEB concludes marking

61.4%

Passed in first grade

of 1,684 learners passed in second grade, 493 in third grade, 654 in fourth grade, while 420 were ungraded and 55 did not turn up. There are 1,045 schools registered with the association in Uganda, said Jemba. According to him, the best-done subject was the Quran (recitation and learning the meaning of it), followed by *Fiqhu* (Islamic jurisprudence) and *Lughatal Arabiyah* (Arabic language and literature).

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L-R: Sheikh Dr Jemba, Sheikh Kibaate, Sheikh Yahaya Lukwago, Sheikh Dr Byamugenyi and Imaam Idi Kasozi at the release of the Islamic Primary Leaving Examination results for 2025

National Examinations Board (UNEB) has finalised the marking exercise for the 2025 PLE, *New Vision* has learnt.

Jennifer Kalule-Musamba, the UNEB principal public relations officer, confirmed this on Wednesday.

"The marking of PLE was concluded and the markers have since gone back home. Currently, we are handling quality assurance. The date of release will be announced once the processes have been concluded and after briefing of

our minister," she said.

Once concluded, the board will then brief the First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports, Mrs. Janet Museveni, on the learners' performance, who will then approve the official date of release.

A total of 817,885 candidates registered for the 2025 PLE series compared to 797,444 in 2024, representing a percentage increase of 2.5%. The candidates were registered from 16,140 examination centres. Of the total, 389,529 were male while 428,356 were female candidates.

Relatedly, Dr Kedrace Turyagyenda, the education ministry permanent secretary, has dismissed social media reports that the first term had been pushed to April. She said the ministry will stick to plans on school reopening as announced last month.

According to the education ministry approved school calendar for 2026, children in pre-primary, primary and secondary schools, will report for the first term on February 2, this year. The term will run for 89 days and it will be concluded on Friday May 1.