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Gospel Singer Emmanuel Ushindi Dies in Bunia Days After Finishing a Week of Preaching

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

", Also sung as"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Congolese gospel singer and pastor Emmanuel Ushindi Kamundala has died in Bunia, capital of Ituri Province in north-eastern DR Congo. His family confirmed the death in a statement: he died on Wednesday 25 November 2026, during the night of Tuesday 24 to Wednesday 25 November. He leaves 11 children.

No official cause of death has been disclosed.

The timing is what makes the loss so hard to take in. Ushindi had just finished a week-long evangelistic campaign at a Pentecostal church in Bunia on Monday 23 November. He preached and sang through the week, closed the campaign, and by Wednesday morning his family was announcing his death.

To his audiences he was Chabusiku - the name many knew him by - and the voice behind the Swahili gospel hit "Dunda Mu Yesu", also sung as "Dunda na Yesu". Across eastern DR Congo and Kenya, his songs were the sound of ordinary Christian life set to music.

The Last Campaign Ended On Monday

Ushindi had travelled to Bunia for the mission, staying in the city while he preached through the week at the Pentecostal church. The campaign ended on Monday 23 November. Two days later, he was gone.

His family announced the death, and the news travelled fast through the gospel community in both countries. Kenyan gospel artists mourned him publically, sharing his songs and their memories of a preacher whose music had crossed the border long before he did.

Ali Mukhwana, one of the Kenyan artists who paid tribute, put it in words that have been shared again and again since Wednesday.

"The voice that lifted hearts in worship has fallen silent on earth, but the seeds of the Gospel you planted through your ministry and music shall continue to speak across generations."

The Songs That Carried Him Across Two Countries

Ushindi built his following in eastern DR Congo and Kenya - he was also based in Nairobi - through Swahili gospel songs that taught faith, marriage, family values and everyday Christian living. His songs were not abstract theology. They were instructions for real life: how to honour your parents, how to hold a marriage together, how to keep going when the money runs out.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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