

## Windstorm kills one, destroys 166 houses in Jigawa

**A** 65 year-old woman, Hajiya Dandiya Haruna died last Friday after a devastating windstorm that also destroyed 166 houses in Babura local government area of Jigawa state, the stat's Emergency Agency has said.

Permanent Secretary, Jigawa State Emergency Relief Agency, Hajia Ladi Dansure, told journalists that the home of the elderly woman collapsed during the windstorm.

Hajia Dansure disclosed that an additional 255 houses were affected by the disastrous windstorm while hundreds of families have been displaced.

"Displaced people took refuge within the neighbourhood

while many others are being quartered in the public school in the area", she said

The agency, she added, has already received a preliminary report from a team of assessors sent to the affected areas, explaining that property worth millions of naira were also destroyed.

Hajia Dansure said that the agency has also classified the number of victims according to their sex, adding that this is designed to ensure fairness in the distrib-

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ution of relief materials adding that female victims were badly affected by the disaster, explaining that the agency will give priority to alleviate their plight.

"Initial reports indicate that women were the major victims of last Friday's wind storm that wreaked havoc in Babura and the agency has resolved to give them priority attention to cushion their plight", Hajia Dansure stressed.



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