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Nine year old Mohammed Lawan died Sunday while scores of people sustained injuries when a rainstorm devastated many areas of Ungogo Local Government Area of Kano State.

The rain started around 4:50 pm Sunday. Many houses in Sharifai, Bachirawa, Katsinawa, Garun-Iya and other areas of the local government have collapsed due to the effect of the storm.

Witnesses said the storm also brought down electric poles. "Roofing sheets and debris of the collapsed building were seen flying about during the storm," said a resident, Sunusi Lawan Isma'il.

According to him, when the rain started they found refuge in a building strong enough to withstand the accompanying storm. Our correspondent observed that the victims are now without proper shelter.

Officials of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) were also seen around the area yesterday inspecting the wreckage of their installations.

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