

# Flood kills seven in Katsina

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FLOOD caused by heavy down-pour yesterday claimed the lives of about seven persons, killed domestic animals and washed away property worth millions of naira in various parts Katsina State.

The flood which affected areas of the Katsina metropolis, Dutsen Ma, and Charanchi, also rendered many residents homeless.

Katsina State Governor Ibrahim Shehu who visited the scene

in Dutsen Ma said "an emergency committee has been constituted consisting of local government staff, health workers, security and all management concerned to render assistance to the victims."

Shema told *BBC Hausa*, monitored in Abuja that, "Whoever is affected should register his name so that he would be assisted. We will ensure that the aid is sustained".

Mallam Hamisu of Unguwar Tudun Katsira, who lost his house in the disaster, said more than five

people have been buried by collapsed walls in the city, adding that, "about two of my neighbours lost their lives while others sustained injuries."

Another victim in Kaga village, Charanchi, where the whole village was submerged, said they were sleeping at night when someone alerted them and told them to vacate their houses.

She said one of them had given birth at the school where they were temporary kept, "She gave birth here and was given some

drugs," the woman added.

The chairman of Charanchi local government, Badamasi Chiranchi, said he had inspected the scene of the flood in order to ensure that the victims are properly sheltered.

"An 80-year-old man and a child died here. Many livestock have been killed, while foodstuff and property have also been destroyed by the rain. In fact people have lost everything except those things that cannot be destroyed by the rain," he said.