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## 8 die at Deeper Life retreat

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

Not fewer than eight people, including two children and a pastor, were reported dead in rain storm at an Easter retreat organised by the Deeper Life Bible Church in Ilorin, Kwara State. Sources disclosed to *Sunday Trust* that the incident occurred at the church's camp site located at Eyenkorin on the outskirts of the state capital.

It was said that rainstorm caused a pillar in the camp to collapse on worshippers, leaving many injured.

A witness confirmed that one of the victims was a pastor with the church.

The pastor, who was riding on a motorcycle and helping those

injured, was said to have run into an oncoming vehicle and died on the way to the hospital.

The storm, which was the first in the state capital this year lasted for about two hours. It started at about 12:30am with heavy rainfall.

The state police command's spokesman, ASP Dabo Ezekiel who confirmed the deaths many sustained serious injuries.

Sources at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital confirmed that three of the victims were brought in dead (BID).

"Three of the people were brought in dead, apart from two children and a woman who was in critical condition. They were brought into the ward and given folders. Two died while receiving treatment. One of them is inside

the theatre," the source said.

The family of one of the victims told *Sunday Trust* on telephone that the casualty figure had risen to seven (five adults and two children) as at yesterday afternoon.

The source who was at the home of a parent to one of the deceased children lamented the fate of the pastor who had worked hard to help the injured.

No pastor from the church was available for comments as at the time of filing this report.

Newsmen were referred to one Wing Commander Cindar (rtd), said to be the Chief Security Officer of the camp.

He acknowledged the collapse of the pillar but denied that any life was lost, adding that the victims were recuperating in hospital.

## Sultan writes Oritsejafor on Easter

Alhaji Sa'ad Abubakar III, the Sultan of Sokoto, has called on Muslims and Christians to use the Easter season to reflect on the situation in the country

changes that would ensure real development and meaningful progress in the land.

The Sultan said Muslims and Christians should join forces with

will be safe in the hands of those to whom they are entrusted and corruption will disappear from the realm," he added.

Abubakar warned that national