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Flood kills 6 in Gombe

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Flood killed six people at the weekend in Gombe State, Daily Trust gathered. The flood was caused by a heavy rainfall which lasted for over three hours in Gombe metropolis.

It was gathered that the flood washed away houses, rendering many residents homeless.

Confirming the incident, Executive Secretary of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Dr. Danlami Arabs Rukujei, said the destruction caused by the heavy downpour was more pronounced in eight wards of; Checheniya, Jakadafari, Dawaki, Herwagana, Kumbiya-Kumbiya, Unwa-Uku, Yelenguruza and Bolari areas of Gombe metropolis.

"Six people died while several others were displaced. Property worth millions of naira were also destroyed in the heavy downpour", he said.

He said it was too early to ascertain the exact number of houses that were destroyed or people displaced, but that the agency is working on it.

"We have lost people. People have lost houses, clothing, beddings and food. About eight areas in Gombe metropolis were most affected but I cannot say now the exact number of people that have been displaced. The good thing, however, is that almost all those who lost their houses have found temporary shelter", he said.

He called on people to desist from developing property along waterways, just as he urged them to clear drainages in front of their houses to ensure easy flow of water.

One of the affected persons, Mr. Iliya David Magaji of Herwagana Quarters, whose three rooms apartment collapsed in the flood, said his mother and siblings were in a helpless situation and called for government's assistance.

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