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Rainstorm kills two, injures minor at Zuba

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A heavy rainfall recorded in many parts of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) on Saturday has left two people dead at Zuba, a suburb of Abuja.

City News learnt that the victims were taking shelter in a shop on which a tree that was uprooted by the storm accompanying the rain crashed.

A source close to the family of one of the deceased, Haruna Abdullahi, who until his death was a revenue collector at a roadside park in Zuba, told City News that he left a mosque opposite the emir's palace in Zuba after the night prayer and was on his way home when the incident happened.

The source said the wind that accompanied the rain forced Abdullahi to take shelter at a shop behind the chief's palace where he met his death.

Sarkin Padan Zuba, Alhaji Muhammad Murtala, who is a relative of the deceased, said a tree fell on a nearby shop where the man was taking shelter from the rain, killing him instantly along with a recharge card seller behind the shop named Hadiza Muhammad. He also said the little daughter of the shop owner who was inside when the tree fell, sustained injury on the head, while her mother, who was also there, escaped unhurt.

Our reporter gathered that the victims were buried on Sunday, while the injured little girl was treated at a clinic.

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