

3 drown, scores missing as flood hits Nasarawa

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Three people have drowned while scores are missing after a torrential downpour in three local government areas in Nasarawa State.

Two cemeteries, several houses and farmlands were also submerged after hours of overnight rain in Lafia and environs in the state.

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Alhaji Saidu Iliya of Filin Kura, Makama Primary School said: “The rain started around 3am and submerged my house by 7am. The River Amba has never

overflowed its bank like this. This is caused by the small passage in the big river.”

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He said the flood had overflowed the Amba Bridge connecting workers village, 500 housing unit and the road to Doma. Workers and passengers traveling on both sides were stranded for several hours.

Umar Muhammad Mai-Unguwa of Tudun Makama said he had never seen such volume of water.

Chairman of Lafia Local Government, Alhaji Muazu Maifata, went round on a spot assessment and said the victims would be assisted with relief materials.

Governor Abdullahi Sule who also visited the scene and said people should not build and dump refuse on waterways.

Similarly, in Sabon Gari area of Doma town, over seven houses were affected by the flood and property destroyed.

In Daddere town of Obi Local Government Area of the state, over 30 houses were submerged with property worth thousands of naira washed away.

In Ankani village also in Obi local government, five persons drowned, but two were rescued.

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