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4 die, others missing as flood ravages Abuja estate

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Four bodies are said to have been recovered after a flood-ravaged Trademore Estate, Lugbe, a suburb of Abuja Metropolis.

Several others are said to be missing.

Cars, motorcycles and household items were reportedly washed away by the flood that took place after a heavy rainfall Sunday night.

Residents were seen lamenting the losses as they tried to salvage what they could from the ruins left by the flood.

A police station in the area was also taken over by the flood.

When *Daily Trust* visited the area, some of the residents spoken to said, they had to abandon their homes as they became flooded.

A resident, Isaac Nelson, told *Daily Trust* that properties worth millions of naira were destroyed by the flood.

Isaac also said "many people



■ One of the affected houses at the estate yesterday

died; four bodies have already been recovered, some people say more than that died. Some people are still missing," he said.

Another resident, whose business centre was affected, Mr. Chisom, told *Daily Trust* "my office is affected by the flood. My

laptops and office systems are all gone. A man in his car Lexus car was found in the gully over there, the flood water pushed him into the river. He was taken to the hospital but later died.

A policeman at the station, confirmed the flood but said

no one was in the cell when the flood took place.

The Abuja Operations Head of the National Emergency Management Agency, Mr. Justice Nwazuruye, confirmed the incident, saying four bodies have so far been recovered.