

# Flood: 79 die in Anambra, Enugu – NEMA

## ● Plans airlifting of victims

From Titus Eleweke, Awka with agency report

of Nigeria (NAN) in Awka yesterday.

He also said that three other people lost their lives in a flood incident at Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State.

Daily Trust on Sunday reports that a boat carrying 85 passengers capsized in Umunnankwo community of Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra State.

Speaking on the incident, the NEMA coordinator said the victims were trapped by the rising flood and were trying to escape danger when the incident happened.

"People were thinking that it was the

normal floodwater that would eventually recede, which is why they refused to leave their homes.

"What I suspected happened yesterday at Ogbaru, Anambra, going by the report we received from the State Emergency Management Agency, is that the water kept rising and the people were trapped.

"They decided to escape the rising water and 85 of them jam-packed inside the boat, which capsized due to the rising flood.

"It is very unfortunate because the flood has covered many houses up to roof level.

"Out of the 85 persons, 9 were found and the remaining 76 are nowhere to be found.

"Also, at Uzo-Uwani Local Government

Area in Enugu, two men and a pregnant woman died in the flood.

"It is sad to note that as at yesterday we recorded 79 deaths due to the rising flood, 76 in Anambra and three in Enugu," he said.

He said airlifting was the only solution to the rising flood in Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra.

Tanimu said the agency was in talks with the military in Onitsha and Abuja to activate the Disaster Response Unit (DRU) to airlift trapped residents in the affected communities.

"This will involve the Air Force and the Navy so that we can get an area view of the affected areas, see people who are trapped and airlift them.

■ **Borno State Governor, Professor Babagana Zulum laying foundation for the construction of 24 apartments for medical staff of the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH), as part of Borno Government's intervention to federal institutions in the state**



## Obajana: Kogi govt accuses Dangote of plot to doctor documents, cause chaos

● 'It's untrue, govt after our staff'

From Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

The impasse between the Kogi State Government and Dangote Cement Plc continued yesterday, with the government alleging plots by the Dangote Group to "obliterate" documents containing agreements between the government and the group of company over ownership of the Obajana Cement Company.

Also, the government alleged that Dangote Group has concluded plan to cause crisis across the state, including attacking government officials.

The Commissioner for Information and Communications in the state, Kingsley Fanwo in statement yesterday in Lokoja noted that it was already in possession of a 28-minute WhatsApp call recording as part of the resolutions by officials of the Dangote Group during a meeting alleged to have been held on Friday night to that effect.

Fanwo said the alleged plots include, the use of the Department of State Security and other security agencies to arrest top government

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