

Student killed, others missing as flood ravages Ogun community

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A 14-year-old secondary school student has died while others were reportedly swept away in a heavy downpour that hit major parts of Sagamu in Sagamu LGA of Ogun State.

It was gathered that the flooding occurred on Tuesday and affected communities including Ajaka, Express Junction, Ogunyanwo, Olayinka, and Isale-Ojumele area of Sagamu in Ogun State.

The boy, who was said to be a student of Agbele Community High School based on the uniform he reportedly had on, was carried away by the flood when he fell off a bike, which was being dragged away by the raging water.

Our correspondent further gathered that property worth millions of naira were lost in the incident, while some residents sustained injuries.

Further findings showed that properties were also destroyed in the Makun area of the council.

Residents of the area lamented that goods and properties were always lost anytime it rained due to the small drainage system in the area.

They said the community couldn't withstand the impact of the erosion, which is usually enormous.

They said some motorcycles were swept away by the torrent, while properties were also lost due to the heavy downpour.

The state Commissioner for Environment, Ola Oresanya, confirmed the incident when he undertook an on-the-spot assessment to the affected areas.

Oresanya said the redesign of the drainage masterplan for the state has become imperative.

He, however, called on the federal government for assistance.

He said, "The government would begin implementation of some of the short medium, and long-term solutions, which include dredging of canals and desilting of blocked drainage.

"We call on the federal government for assistance to ameliorate the perennial challenges."

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