

10 die as rains wreak havoc in Ibadan

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ABOUT 10 persons were feared dead in Ibadan on Tuesday evening during a downpour, which flooded most parts of the Oyo State

capital.

In the last 72 hours, residents have experienced heavy rainfall, which affected some communities in the state.

In Olunloyo area, two cars and their occupants as well as commercial motorcyclists were drowned in the flood.

Similarly, at Soka area along Ibadan-Iwo Road end of the expressway, the downpour forced the already dilapi-

dated bridge to cave in, throwing some residents into the flood.

Many were stranded at the expressway while some vehicle owners who were trapped due to the collapse of the bridge had to abandon their cars on the other side and trek to their various homes.

Efforts by some of the residents to cross to the other side using a truck failed as it

got stuck while its occupants were thrown into the flood. However, some of them were rescued through some bamboo trees that had been felled by the flood, which stopped them from being washed away.

A man who was held up for about seven hours in traffic resulting from the flood said he had to trek to his residence.

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