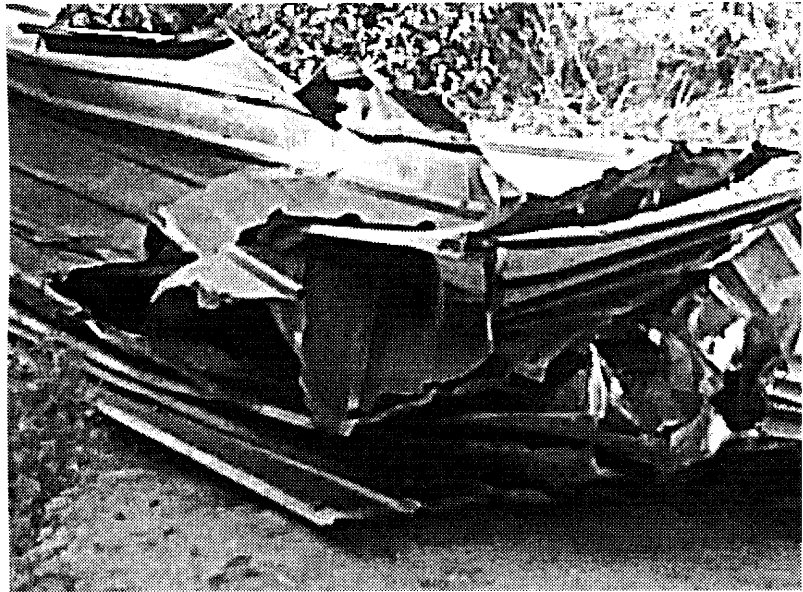


# TheMetroSection

## Girl dies, homes, others collapse in Ilorin first rain



Roofs blown off by the rain

From **Abiodun Fagbemi, Ilorin**

**M**ANY houses were destroyed on Tuesday morning in Ilorin following a heavy downpour that blew off some roofs on Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Alanamu and Oke Oyi suburbs of Ilorin.

But the most pathetic aftermath of the torrential rainfall was the reported death of a 10-year-old girl who plunged into a drainage, got drowned and her lifeless body was recovered at the lower course of the

drainage shortly after the rain.

The heavy downpour, the first this year in Ilorin, started around 7.00p.m. and lasted for one hour as light showers that eventually developed into heavy storms.

At Gaa Akanbi area of the town, over 50 electric poles, property of the PHCN, were felled by the rampaging storm.

The victims of the rainstorm have cried for help. Alhaji Suleiman Agaka of 22 Ibrahim Taiwo Road lamented



A house destroyed by the rain

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that the havoc wrecked by the storm has turned him, his three wives and 15 children homeless persons.

Enoch Adebiyi, a retired broadcaster, said unless someone came to his aid, his monthly stipends would be insufficient to repair his damaged roofs and windows.

The newly roofed three-storey Regional Office of The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) on Asa Dam Road, Ilorin, was equally affected as half of the roof was blown off.

Already, the Special Adviser to the State Governor on Emergencies, Mr. Musa Abdullahi has visited some of the affected areas.

Abdullahi promised governmental assistance to the victims but urged residents of the town to shun dumping of refuse inside gutters to prevent flood disasters as the rainy season has started in earnest.

Kwara is one of the states listed by NIMET as likely to be prone to flood disasters this year.

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