

Flood kills four, sacks traditional ruler in Delta

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THERE is mourning in Delta community as flood killed four people and sacked the king of Abala Kingdom, Igwe Fredrick Egbunokonye in Ndokwa East Local Council of Delta State.

The Guardian learnt that two of the deaths; include a 40-year-old lady, and a young boy from Otuoku community. Two others lost their lives at Oyede community, Isoko North Local Council, when

they were swept away while fleeing from Oyede town to a neighbouring community.

The flood has also sacked Igwe Fredrick Egbunokonye, who abandoned his palace to take refuge in Asaba, the state capital as his Palace was submerged by flood.

His council of chiefs also fled, leaving the towns empty.

Speaking in Asaba, the Royal father said the flood had overwhelmed the entire Ndokwa East council, adding, "the

flood has been a major issue because the whole communities are submerged. And most people are not eager to relocate because of their farm produce. We were able to evacuate those who wanted to relocate".

Egbunokonye said the state government attempted to open an Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp at Ashaka, but the place was submerged and it did not take off at all.