

Motorcyclist Drowns As Flood Takes Over Lagos

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Torrential rainfall in Lagos yesterday has left a motorcyclist drowned, affecting many others.

The rain, which started about 3.30 a.m., left several homes, schools and roads flooded in the metropolis.

The first tragedy of the day was recorded on the outskirts of the city when a man was found dead along Suberu Oye Road, Off Lagos/Abeokuta

Expressway after the early morning rains.

Residents of the area, who were still at a loss over the cause of the man's death, pulled the body of the unidentified man out of the gutter before notifying the police at Meiran.

Investigation by *Saturday Independent*, however, revealed that the deceased actually fell into a gutter from his bike in front of Beo Petrol Station at Kollington Bus Stop, along Lagos/Abeokuta Expressway. The police are working on

the theory that the *okalamman* was already drunk and unconscious before he fell into the gutter.

Unfortunately, it was learnt, he did not recover before the rain started and was washed him off into an underground water channel by the heavy flood. The deceased's motorcycle with registration number Lagos 6189 RG was seen in front of the filling station yesterday morning.

At Ikorun, capital of Alimosho local government area, the rains also made inter

and intra-city transportation difficult for residents. As a result, many commuters were stranded at bus-stops as buses had problems wading through the floods.

The development forced many parents to withdraw their children from schools, as most teachers stayed at homes. Similarly, commuters at Mile 2 area had difficult time connecting buses to their various destinations, as the

bad spot under the flyover bridge caused serious traffic jam that left many stranded for over two hours.

It was the same sad story in all the adjoining roads linking the expressway from Ikeja and along the Ikorodu Road.

It was, however, observed that blockage of the drainage system was responsible for the problem of flooding in some areas.