

Five Feared Dead In Ekiti Flood

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It was gnashing of teeth yesterday in Ado Ekiti, as no fewer than five people, including a government official, were feared dead on Thursday night following a downpour in the Ekiti State capital.

The victims were said to have been swept away by

flood occasioned by a torrential rain lasting several hours.

The victims could not get help from anywhere because no one suspected they had been swept away, it was gathered.

Fire brigade men in Ado Ekiti were still in search of the bodies of some of the victims at press time yesterday.

Saturday Independent gathered that the victims were caught in the tidal flood, which was aggravated by total blackout in the entire capital city. The downpour started at about 7p.m. and ended at 11 p.m.

It was further gathered that three commercial motorcycle riders, a woman and a government driver, whose name was given as

Pius Fakorede, comprised the deceased.

Besides, the rain wreaked havoc in the town; several houses and property running into millions of naira were destroyed.

Most affected areas were Irona Quarters, Ajilosun and Ijoka Street at Old Market area.

State Director of Fire Services, Joel Idowu, who

confirmed the incident, said two of the victims had been recovered and their bodies deposited at the mortuary of the State Specialist Hospital, Ado Ekiti.

His men, he said, were still searching for the bodies of others.

He added that the lapses were due to the fact that they were alerted late about the incident on Thursday night.