

Flood Kills Four In Calabar

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The death toll recorded in Calabar metropolis following flood occasioned by heavy rains has increased to four.

This followed the death of a two and a half-year old child, Anaikorishor Ogbhor, who drowned during the heavy rainfall last Saturday. The incident occurred at No. 15 Iso Oqua Street, Calabar, Cross River State.

On Saturday June 16, two

children also drowned in the town during the long hours of rainfall. Two of them, Blessing and Joseph Sunday, both from the same parents, died in Ikot Uduak area of the metropolis, as they were swept into a ravine created by gully erosion. The other was a boy, whose identity is not yet known, who was swept away by strong currents at B e e b o s c o / M u r t a l a Mohammed Highway junction.

The degree of rainfall

recorded on both days was similar and caused other damages aside those who lost their lives.

The rainfall of last Saturday destroyed the fence of the residence of the Catholic Archbishop of the Calabar Archdiocese, Rev. Joseph Edra Ukpo, the fence separating Government House and the State Ministry of Finance. The fence of Parliamentary Village at Ekorinim was also pulled down by the strong current precipitated by the rains.

Some of the residents of the town where the effect of the flood was most severe had most of their valuable household properties destroyed by the flood.

The State Governor, Mr. Liyel Imoke, who took an on-the-spot assessment of the situation, also visited the bereaved parents.

Imoke pledged that his administration would find a permanent solution to the problem which has become perennial.