

Rainstorm Wreaks Havoc, Kills One In Jesse

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TEN years after the Jesse pipeline fire that left thousands dead, another major rainstorm disaster has occurred in parts of the same agrarian community leaving a young boy of five years, Freeborn Tududu, dead and several others seriously injured.

A survivor of the disaster, Mr. Ovie Broadrick, who narrated the sad event to newsmen and the councillor

representing Ward 9 at the Ethiope West Legislative Arm, who drafted journalists to the area, said the rain which started at about 7p.m. on Sunday January 17, 2010 with heavy wind, destroyed many things. Broadrick was in the same building with his father when suddenly the rain began to fall so heavily that the roof top was blown off and the blocks suddenly caved in which later fell on Master Freeborn Tududu and his other two siblings.

Another Victim, a

girl, Miss Mamuyovwi Eghwatore, was coming from Ekrudoda village enroute Ejeketa when electric poll fell on her on top of her bicycle at Otumara-Ugbomoyainland thereby causing serious damage to her skull and destroying the bicycle at the scene of the incident near a damaged transformer.

The mother of Miss Eghwatore said they had to discharge the injured girl, who was ill on her sick bed at the time of filing this report to Ejeketa because

they did not have money to remain in the hospital after spending all they had for her treatment.

Meanwhile, buildings and commercial trees, plantain trees, countless number of electric polls were destroyed by the rainstorm, which lasted for hours, while the young boy, who lost his life to the first rain of the year in the community has been buried and others who sustained injuries are currently taking treatment in different hospitals.

The councillor representing the area at the Ethiope West Legislative Arm, who is also the deputy chief whip has appealed to the state governor through its agencies such as the emergency relief agency, the member representing the area at the Delta State House of Assembly, NGO's and cooperate organisation to come to their aid by assisting those, who lost their properties to the rainstorm as well as those injured and are currently taking treatment in hospitals.