

Seven dead, 16,000 rendered homeless in Zamfara

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SEVEN persons have been confirmed dead and about 16,000 people rendered homeless in Maradun local government area of Zamfara State following a windstorm over the weekend.

In a preliminary report submitted by a committee set up by the council no fewer than 600 houses were seriously affected by the windstorm, which started around 9 pm on Friday and lasted for an hour during which many buildings collapsed to kill some of the victims.

Eyewitnesses said that families were running helter skelter for safety even as houses collapsed.

According to the committee, the number number of the injured is yet to be compiled, as investigations were still on to find out the exact picture of the incident to determine the amount of assistance the state government could give.

Acting governor, Ibrahim Wakkala Muhammad, while on a sympathy visit last Sunday to Maradun, donated N1 million as an emergency step taken by the state government.