

Rainstorm kills two, destroys over 80 houses in Kaduna

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HEAVY windstorm accompanied by downpour has claimed two lives and destroyed over 80 houses in Makarfi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

According to the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), the disaster, which occurred last Sunday lasted for over two hours.

A statement by the public relations officer of SEMA, Abubakar Zakari Adamu, said

the two persons killed by the storm were members of the same family, Hafsai Sabiu Maishayi and Auwal Sabiu Maishayi, with several others injured.

Also, properties worth millions of naira, which included 17 houses, 12 blocks of classrooms, 30 market stalls as well as 20 electric poles were destroyed by the windstorm.

The statement added that the state governor, Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, dispatched a team headed by the executive secretary of SEMA, Ishaku Dogo Makama,

to assess the situation and take urgent steps to assist the affected people.

Part of the statement also read: "With a heavy heart, we report that two people lost their lives in the windstorm. They were members of the same family and their names were Hafsai Sabiu Maishayi and Auwal Sabiu Maishayi.

"This is an unfortunate incident and we commiserate with the family for this tragedy.

"About 17 houses/homes, 12 blocks of classrooms at

Government Junior Secondary School, Makarfi, and many other homes partly affected; while about 30 market stalls had their roofs blown off.

"The windstorm also fell some wall fences, about 20 electric poles, and caused other damages.

"The assessment/inspection team was conducted round the affected areas by the chairman, interim management committee of the local government, Garba Sabon Gari, who said the wind and the heavy downpour lasted for about two hours."