Flood Kills Catholic Priest, Two Pupils In Bayelsa



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YENAGOA – The rising flood in Bayelsa State has claimed the lives of three people, including a catholic priest and two primary and nursery school pupils.

It was gathered that the deaths of the victims occurred in two separate incidents on Friday.

The priest, who was identified as Reverend Father Francis Ighorurhi, drowned at Kaiama, headquarters of Kolokuma/Opokuma Local Government Area.

The two pupils were said to have also drowned along Goodnews Street in Azikoro community of Yenagoa Local Government Area.

They were killed in the flood water while returning home from school.

The late Ighorurhi, 38, was said to have fallen inside flood water while walking to his residence on a wooden bridge popularly called 'Monkey Bridge' in the state.

"A section of the wooden bridge has been submerged by the rising flood, so it has made the structure slippery and difficult for people to move on it," a source who pleaded anonymity said.