

Flood Kills 5, Displaces 20 Communities In Bauchi

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About five persons lost their lives while over 20 communities were either displaced or submerged as flood ravaged Zaki local government area of Bauchi state last Friday.

LEADERSHIP reports that most of the displaced victims are currently taking refuge in primary schools and other public buildings in the area where friends and well wishers assist them with food.

The incident which was caused by heavy down

pour has similarly wreaked havoc on many farmlands thereby sending fears of imminent food scarcity in the local government.

During an on-the-spot assessment visit to the local government, the Senator representing Bauchi North, Alhaji Babayo Garba Gamawa, described the flood as alarming saying its consequence is devastating on the affected communities.

He appealed to the federal government to consider the construction of the Kafin Zaki Dam as a remedy to the flood that has become an annu-

al calamity in the area, while also suggesting the construction of small dams to contain the torrential rain and volume of water flowing from rivers Kyawa in Jigawa State and that of Jama'are in Bauchi state to all the seven local governments of the constituency.

Gamawa, sympathised with the flood victims who have been displaced in especially Zaki, Gamawa, Jama'are and Itas-Gadau local governments, saying the victims have now been thrown into untold hardship that requires urgent intervention of the federal government.