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Flood Destroys 36 Houses, Kills Pregnant Woman, Four Others

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A torrential rainfall which swept across Delta State yesterday destroyed no fewer than 36 houses, killing pregnant woman and four others in Okpanam and Asaba communities.

Reports said that the flood apart from the destruction it wrecked swept away properties worth millions of naira at the popular Ogbogonogo market as well as destroyed vehicles that were parked by the market premises.

Sources said that the rain which started at about 2pm was heavily accompanied by wind and thunder lightning, creating palpable tension among motorists as well as pedestrians who struggled to get to their destinations.

LEADERSHIP Sunday reliably gathered that victims of the unfortunate incidents especially the pregnant woman were drowned inside the heavy flood between Ogebeke square along the Ibusa road; and while calling for help, all efforts to

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rescue her proved abortive.

The state Commissioner for Environment, Mr. Frank Omare, who expressed sadness over the incident however described the disaster as unfortunate and assured residents of Asaba and environs of government's proactive measures to ensure a protective measure against further disaster.

But LEADERSHIP Sunday's checks revealed that virtually all roads in Asaba – Ibusa, Okpanam, Nnebisi roads – were flooded.

While most houses were submerged as a result of poor drainage system in Asaba and Okpanam communities, some of the affected landlords who spoke on condition of anonymity however appealed to the state government to come to their aid, as well as provide them with relief materials.

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