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The overflowing Ubu River, around **Kwale-Ogwashi-Uku community, Delta State**, has killed four persons, and consumed the expressway, while hundreds of the community's residents have fled their homes for fear of the unknown.

The overflowing of the river, investigation revealed, is followed by the present rainy season: a situation that has increased the tempo of the water flow.

Dependable sources said that the river, before overflowing had allegedly swallowed two septuagenarians last year 2014, while they were said to have gone to the River to perform rituals.

But elders of Ogwashi-Uku community, one of them Ogbueshi Anthony Okolie, who spoke to our correspondent, said the River recently rose beyond its crest, following the collapse of the coffer dam by the construction company handling the Ogwashi-Uku water Dam Project.

Expectedly, the Dam collapse, apart from increasing the River overflow, had also led to the pollution of the water as the River no longer flows freely following the blockage of the channel.

Speaking further, Ogbueshi Okolie, noted that unless something is done about the water Dam, Ogwashi-Uku-Kwale Road users may have to start thinking of a new road to follow to their destinations.

According to him, "Iyi-Ubu river has become a threat, not only to those of us in the community, but also to the major road users", raising the alarm that the river turned red during the construction of the Dam.

It would be recalled that the pollution of the river, had six months ago caused a serious epidemic, thereby killing two persons after they drank from it: a threat to lives, the President General, Ogwashi-Uku Development Union, Sir Emmanuel Okafor, said the river might portend further disasters if not checked.

He said that plans were in the pipeline to wade into the water Dam site with a view to finding a lasting solution to the polluted River as the only source of drinking water for the residents of the community.

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