

Flood Kills 3, Destroys Properties In Bwari LG

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A midnight heavy rainfall yesterday killed three persons and rendered many people homeless at Rafinpa Dei Dei and Dakwa communities in Bwari area council.

According to an eyewitness, the rain which started around 12 midnight resulted to a heavy flooding that killed two sisters, Rahamatu Abdulsalm 30, Mariam Nuhu 26 and a 4-year-old Yusuf Nuhu.

FCT minister, Mohammad Musa Bello and the chairman, Bwari area council, Musa Dikko who paid an unscheduled visit to the two communities, expressed sympathy for the bereaved families.

Inspecting the extent of damages in the area, Bello called residents to stop blocking water ways by throwing refuse into the drainage.

According to him, “The water that came last night killed and destroyed some buildings in the area. It is quite unfortunate and this morning with the chairman of Bwari area council, we decided to come and assess the situation.

We have gone round and we have seen the extent of damage. What happened was natural, because water will always find its way and as human-beings we must ensure that the right of way is cleared.”

He stated that while the government will continue to do its best to embark on people-oriented projects, residents should stop distorting the environment with all manner of negative human activities.

“It is duty of the government to protect lives and property even if it means begging people to go through uncomfortable circumstances.

We cannot wait as a government and refuse to enforce what need to be done, in order to protect future lives because 1 or 2 people decided not to comply.”

Also speaking, chairman of Bwari area council, Musa Dikko, said that the council will key into the FCT flood control programmes, adding that the council officials have always done their best in educating residents on how to avert disasters.

Bello also promised to work in collaboration with the council chairman Musa Dikko to clear all drainages to avert any of such incident around the river where it occurred.

The minister also promised to work with Dikko to give support to all the victims.