

## 3 Killed In Flood Disaster In Delta

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No fewer than three persons died in Asaba, Delta State, following a torrential rainfall that swept them into uncovered drains along Nnebisi, Okpanam road in the early hours of yesterday.

It was gathered that the victims, a middle aged man, and two teenagers, were trapped inside the rainfall in the area which started at about 5:30am with heavy wind, and in their struggle to get off the hook, the frightening power of the flood, swept them into the uncovered drains where they were, however, rescued by onlookers. Unfortunately, they sustained degrees of injuries, and were taken to a nearby clinic where they were later confirmed dead by the doctor.

Investigation revealed that the uncovered drains had, over time wreaked deaths on unsuspecting pedestrians, especially during rainfall in Asaba, but the state commissioner for Environment, Barr John Nani, who spoke to our reporter in Asaba said, "The situation is currently being taken care of by this present administration, the contractor, who did the job, was in our time, so the Okowa-led administration is doing a lot in Asaba, especially the ongoing water control project, it is massive, when completed, the people will have cause to smile during rainfall."

Further investigation revealed that whenever it rains within Okpanam road, Nnebisi road, pedestrians, including commuters, suffer untold difficulties and pains, and in most times, they are either injured, or their vehicles break down.

But the doctor at the clinic, Dr John Osekwu, who confirmed the death of the victims to our correspondent said, "it was unfortunate that the victims could not make it, they later died at about 12:30 following severe injuries including bleeding from their noses".

A resident, Emeka Okonta, who spoke to our reporter said, "the present administration is doing well, but it should put in more efforts in Okpanam roads, Asaba to alleviate the suffering of the people. When it rains, passengers pay higher fare to keke riders, to go to Okpanam roads, it is difficult."

However, in the last few months, the Delta State Government, had embarked on massive roads construction across the three senatorial districts, especially erosion and water control projects in Asaba, its environment. But the contracting firms handling the projects, many

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