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From: Biodun Oyeleye, Ilorin.

boss' farm was said to have overrun its bank as a result of the downpour. The only survivor, it was learnt, was rushed to a private hospital in the town.

Two of the victims were said to be children of the same parents. The incident has already thrown the entire community into mourning because most of the victims were said to have cut across the communities in the Local Government because the farm is the largest single employer

of labour apart from the local council.

Details of the tragedy were still sketchy by press time, but the state government has sent a delegation led by Prince Yemi Afolayan, Special Adviser (Political) to Governor Bukola Saraki, to commiserate with the local government, the traditional rulers and the bereaved families.

Different rescue teams were reportedly still going on at the riverside trying to recover more bodies.

An eyewitness said in Ilorin

yesterday that the heavy rainfall lasted for about two hours, and swept the affected people away before help could come.

Most of the victims were said to have made desperate attempts for escape on sighting the river as it overflowed its banks before being trapped by the flood which was fast approaching the farmland where they were busy working.

They could, however, not make it to safety as they were caught by the flood which was said to have enveloped them. Prince Afolayan confirmed the report to *The Nation*.