

## Flood kills three children in Lagos

WITH part of the metropolis under the threat of flood, the Lagos State government will today begin the dredging of natural and blocked channels on the Lagos-Ikorodu axis to provide relief for the residents.

Three children were feared dead and hundreds rendered homeless following the flooding of Ifelodun-Ajegunle villages near Ikorodu.

The flood was attributed to the discharge of excess water from the dams of the Ogun and Osun rivers.

Lagos State Commissioner for the Environment Dr. Muiz Banire, told reporters yesterday that his ministry would provide immediate and lasting solution to the perennial flood along the Ikorodu axis.

Banire, in the company of his Physical Planning Counterpart, T.P.L Francisco Abosede, at Ikorodu, said the problem being experienced along the Ikorodu axis followed the release of water from the reservoir of Ogun-Osun Basin River Authority.

This, he said, resulted in the flooding being experienced in the area.

Banire assured residents of the area that the government was not unaware of their predicament, assuring that immediate dredging of the major ducts and channels to discharge the water level would begin today today.

He implored the residents not to panic but to vacate the flooded areas to prevent any disaster.

Some of the affected areas visited by the commissioner included, Akute, Isheri, Agiliti Maidan, Agboyi, Ajegunle, Thomas and Alapere.

Banire said the government had begin discussions with Governor Gbenga Daniel of Ogun State to shut down the released dam as part of efforts to prevent an escalation of the flood.

Yesterday in Asoro and Ifelodun Ajegunle villages near Ikorodu, over 200 houses were submerged and hundreds displaced by flood.

Witnesses said properties