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# Rainstorm kills two in Benue

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Two people were killed and property worth millions destroyed in a rainstorm at Makurdi, Benue State, on Wednesday. The storm pulled down many trees.

The victims died at the Northbank area of Makurdi when an electricity pole fell on a bungalow.

A former Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mike Aondoakaa, was worse hit as his rice milling plant collapsed.

The roof of the plant was blown off and this affected the air compressor, ware house, parboiling unit and elevator. Processed rice worth N100 million was destroyed.

The Makurdi Business Unit of Jos Electricity Distribution Company said more than 100 electric poles were destroyed.

The business manager, John Emeruwa, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the company had sustained "colossal damage".

"The storm caused colossal damage to our facilities in Otupko, Ugbokolo and Makurdi.

"More than 100 electrical poles were destroyed in Makurdi. The damage is immense; we have informed our head office in Jos.

"Otupko and Ugbokolo also had similar incidents but it was not like that of Makurdi. This is going to cost a lot to fix."

Emeruwa assured the company's customers that full electricity supply to Makurdi and environs would be restored soon.

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