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Flood kills 19, destroys homes in Kano

NO fewer than 19 persons have been feared dead in Doguwa local government area of Kano State after a vehicle conveying them was washed away by floodwaters at the weekend.

The incident followed a torrential downpour in the city that lasted several hours, destroying properties estimated at over N100 million.

"Human beings and domes-

From Fanen Ihyongo, Kano

ticated animals, including birds, as well as foodstuff were destroyed, as several homes were submerged in the flood," Saidu, a resident, said.

Village Head of Doguwa settlement, Alhaji Yusuf Umar, confirmed the incident to newsmen, saying 15 bodies have been recovered while search has been intensified to recover the bodies of the remaining four victims.

Umar narrated that the vehicle conveying the dead was washed away by the flood after its engine went off in the middle of a bridge on Friday night.

He added that the bridge was submerged by flood following the heavy downpour.

"The engine of the vehicle seized and the car stopped abruptly and before the driver could reignite it, the flood washed the car away with the passengers.

"We have not gotten any

survivor yet. We are still searching for bodies," Umar said.

Spokesman for the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Ali Abdullahi Garko, also confirmed the incident, describing it as unfortunate.

He said the state government had sent a delegation, headed by SEMA Executive Secretary, Saleh Jili, to commiserate with the families of the victims.

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