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Three feared dead as flood ravages Osogbo

•Govt House wall collapses

O SUN State residents are still counting losses, as a downpour on Tuesday evening resulted in a flood, which wreaked havoc in Osogbo and its environs.

Our correspondent, who went round the capital city yesterday, observed the damages done by flood at the Government House, Ibu-Amon bridge, Jetu stream, Oke-Onitea stream, Rasco area via Old garage and Oke-Baale, Powerline, Testing Ground, Obate and Awesin in Erin-Osun.

The Nation gathered that three people were feared dead at Oke-Onitea and Okejetu when they attempted to wade through the flood on Tuesday night. One of the victims was said to be a motorcyclist, while another unidentified man was swept away. A landlord reportedly died in the flood at Awesin. A resident, Olawuyi Adeleke, confirmed this to our reporter.

A resident at Okejetu, Bola-ji, said: "The rain wreaked havoc in our area. Four people escaped from the flood on

From Toba Adedeji, Osogbo

Tuesday night, while a man was killed. He was riding a motorcycle. The flood swept him and other four persons away. We found his body this morning."

About 25 metres of the perimeter fence of the Osun State Government House was destroyed as a result of the downpour. Lamco junction and Oke-Fai en route to the Government House were blocked by security operatives to divert cars from the area so that a temporary perimeter fence can be built.

At Powerline, the rail track was affected, as flood swept away the sand beneath the track.

Governor Adegboyega Oyetola has sympathised with the residents.

He said the government is working hard to prevent a recurrence.

The governor, who spoke during an on-the-spot assess-

ment and inspection tour of some affected areas, advised residents to stop indiscriminate dumping of refuse in drainages, as this caused the flood.

He said steps would be taken to address the situation and prevent recurrence.

Oyetola was accompanied by his deputy, Mr. Benedict Alabi; Secretary to the State Government, Prince Wole Oyebamiji; Chief of Staff to the Governor, Dr. Charles Akinola; Deputy Chief of Staff, Prince Abdulah Binuyo; Commissioner for Environment and Sanitation, Sola Oladepo; Special Adviser on Environment and Sanitation, Rufus Oyegbile; Commissioner for Works and Transport, Remi Omo-waye; Special Adviser on Works and Transport, Olatoke Olaniyan; Commissioner for Information and Civic Orientation, Mrs. Funke Egbemode; Commissioner for Regional Integration and Special Duties, Olalekan Badmus, among others.

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