

3 Four die, 6 vehicles swept off in Abuja flood

A DOWNPOUR has wreaked havoc in parts of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), leaving four dead in Trademoore Estate in Lugbe district.

Six vehicles were swept off in the resulting flood. Roads and farmlands were submerged.

Director-General of Federal Capital Territory Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Abbas Idris confirmed the incident.

A resident, John Onale, said, "This is sad. We thought we were not going to experience any flood this year considering what has been put in place by the government. We are worried. FCT administration should come to our rescue."

Idriss confirmed that four people died and 26 vehicles including an articulated towing van swept away by the flood, adding that 166 houses were affected.

From Gbenga Omokhunu, Abuja

Some other parts of the FCT such as Light Gold Estate and Wisdom Estate were also affected by the flood.

Idriss said: "Following long hours of heavy rainfall on Sunday, Trademoore, Light Gold, Wisdom Estates and Lugbe communities of the Federal Capital Territory were heavily flooded- resulting in loss of lives and much property affected in and around the Estates.

"I want to appeal to all residents of the Federal Capital Territory especially developers to desist from violating the approved building codes in the Federal Capital Territory. We are also appealing to them to stop erecting retention walls to protect storm water from flowing. By doing so they are causing more havoc to the community."