

# 10 dead, homes, farmlands washed away in Bauchi floods

• Baby, four women die in Jigawa canoe accident

3 THE Bauchi State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) has confirmed the death of 10 persons in the flood which destroyed several houses and farmlands across the state.

Director, Planning, Research and Statistics in the Agency Adams Nayola, confirmed the figure in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) yesterday in Bauchi.

He said the situation forced many residents from their homes.

"At least 10 people lost their lives while several hectares of farmlands and houses were washed away in some parts of the state.

"The most affected local government areas are Jama'are, Giade, Misau, Dambam, Zaki, Darazo, Kirfi, Itas-Gadau, Shira, Gamawa and Toro.

"The flood affected 19 out of the 20 local government areas

of the state, but 12 councils were worst hit," Nayola said.

The director said that the flood cut off some communities in Jama'are and Misau local government areas, adding that the latest incident was recorded in Zaki local government area.

4 The Jigawa Police Command has confirmed the death of a seven-month-old baby and four women in a canoe accident in Guri Local Government Area.

Police spokesman in the state, DSP Lawan Shiisu, confirmed the incident in Dutse yesterday.

"On Tuesday, at about 6pm, information at our disposal revealed that on the same date at about 4:30 pm, four women and a child boarded a canoe from Nguru, Yobe State to Adiyani village in Guri LGA of Jigawa State," Shiisu said.