

Two swept off, nine rescued in Lagos floods

• Many homeless in Ekiti

(5) **T**WO men were yesterday swept away and nine women rescued following heavy flooding in parts of Lagos.

The men were swept off by flashfloods at different locations at Iyana Ipaja, while the women were said to have been trapped after their residence at Mende, Maryland started sinking.

The building located at 47 Akinwunmi Street, Akinwunmi North Estate Mende, Maryland, was said to have been flooded by the heavy rainfall that started early Monday morning which resulted to its sinking.

It was gathered that when the building became distressed as a result of the flood, the owner used a ladder and fled, leaving behind the vulnerable women.

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The landlord, who was accused of abandoning the women and not notifying emergency workers of the situation, was handed to the police when he resurfaced hours later.

The Nation had reported that several parts of the state including Ajayi Street, Olubodun Ifesowapo, Olubodun, Fafunwa, Ipaja West and Tioluwani in Alimosho Local Government Area, parts of Ago Palace Way, Okota and Canal Estate experienced heavy flooding following the downpour that lasted over four hours.

One of the victims identified some as Alfa, was said to have

been swept off after he went to his house to pick somethings.

Confirming the incident, Lagos Coordinator for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Ibrahim Farinloye, said the family of Alfa had been evacuated to a relative's residence.

The NEMA boss said 35 buildings were affected at Akinwumi Estate and 31 buildings at Arowojobe Estate both in Maryland.

Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), Dr. Femi Oke-Osanyintolu also confirmed the incident, adding that no deaths or injuries were recorded.

Some parts of Ado-Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital, were yesterday night flooded following a

downpour that lasted over six hours.

The heavy rain which began around 10 pm on Sunday and subsided at about 3: 22am yesterday, sacked many residents from their houses.

Property worth millions of naira was lost in the disaster.

The affected areas were Ilupeju, Ita Eku, Ureje, Oshodi, and Temidire Eminrin, a suburb of Ado Ekiti metropolis.

It was worse for residents of Temidire Emirin community, as the Ureje River overflowed its bank, preventing people from going to work or school yesterday.

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