

Fire service recovers two bodies of Kwara flood victims

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The Kwara State Fire Service said yesterday that it had recovered two bodies of Friday's flood victims in Ilorin, the state capital.

Apart from claiming some lives, the floods caused by torrential rains had also destroyed property worth millions of naira.

The state fire service said yesterday that it recovered the two bodies and a Toyota Yaris car with Registration number APP544E from a river opposite Olusola Saraki abattoir in Sobi part of the city.



It was also gathered that two lives were lost as youths swam to catch fish in Amilegbe, an Asa riverine area behind Salem House in the Ilorin metropolis.

The incident, confirmed by the Head of Department (HOD) Media and Publicity of the state fire service, Hassan Adekunle, and the General Manager of the state environmental protection agency (KWEPA), Alhaji Saad Ayuba DanMusa, had thrown the area into mourning mood.

Adekunle said: "Today, October 1, 2022, the Kwara State Fire Service has removed two human bodies and a Toyota Yaris car with Reg No APP544E from a river at Opposite Olusola Saraki Abattoir, along Sobi Road in Ilorin, capital of Kwara State.



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“Information has it that the incident occurred during yesterday’s (Friday) downpour when the casualties were struggling to drive through the bridge and suddenly got stuck in the flood that pushed them into the river.

“In truth, the rescue work was like a joint operation, because all the people in the neighbourhood gave their full support to the firemen throughout the operation.

The General Manager of KWEPA, DanMusa, confirmed that two lives were lost when some youths were reportedly swimming in Asa River to catch fish from fish ponds damaged by flood occasioned by the heavy downpour.

He said: “As the head of Kwara State Environmental Protection Agency (KWEPA), I have received several phone calls from people to drive away thousands of youths swimming to catch fish in the Asa riverine areas, especially at Amilegbe area, behind Salem House.

“From a reliable source, the flood had swept away some fish ponds from an unknown location into the river, which attracted the youths to become emergency fishermen in the area, which has claimed two lives as at today.

“This is a clarion call and warning to parents to warn their children against this ugly situation. The police force and Fire Service department should be dispatched to drive away these youths from the scene.”