

Flood sweeps newlywed man away in Ondo



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A young man, Glory Jato, has been confirmed dead after a flood swept him away at Oba Ile, Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State.

Jato, who married about a month ago, was said to be returning from work when the incident happened at the weekend.

Assistant Secretary of Bethel Estate's Landlord Association, Pastor Gbenga Ojuloge, who confirmed Jato's death, called on the state government to dredge the canal in the area to avoid reoccurrence.

Ojuloge said flooding in the area had turned into a nightmare for the residents of the estate..

He said: "We are using this opportunity to draw the attention of both the federal, state and local governments to what is actually going on in our community.

"This is the main access road to the community and flood is already taking what we have used our years of our lives to construct.

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“Everything you can see on the bridge is actually the effort of the landlords of the community. We discovered that the flood will just come and push everything away, so we are calling on the government to come to our aid.

“On Friday we lost a soul here and that is why we are calling and we want everyone to know that this is the main access to all the flood coming from Ijapo, Alagbaka, Oja Oba. Once there is rain, no access to our roads again.”

Another resident, Olusola Osupala, said the community had written letters to intervention agencies to save them from floods.

“In fact, a couple of days ago, someone died on this bridge because of floods. He drowned. We don’t have access to the bridge or our homes once it rains. We can no longer continue like this, we need government to dredge this river for us,” Osupala said.