

Rainstorm kills woman

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A THREE-DAY heavy down pour has claimed the life of a middle aged woman in Eket, Akwa Ibom State.

The woman whose name is withheld was said to have been returning from the popular Ibeno market when she incidentally fell into a yawning drainage and was instantly drowned.

She was reported to have stepped down from the bike and in an attempt to rescue her wallet she stripped off the covered slob into the big gutter and was taken away by the current of the flood.

An eye witness said she was on top of a commercial motor-

cycle heading home when they ran into a heavy flood at Grace Bill by Afaha Eket road near the Quo Iboe Church and in the process her wallet fell into the water.

On sighting the scene, sympathizer and other motorcyclist gathered making frantic effort to rescue the women but to no avail as she was washed down the drain only to be recovered dead at a point near Marina by Grace Bill road, about 400 metres from the scene of incident.

Her body was later taken to the Emmanuel Hospital, mortuary Eket.

Efforts to get the village head of Afaha Eket, Chief Ukpong to comment on the matter

failed while the Eket Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Mr. Asuquo Amba referred all enquires concerning the incident to the Akwa Ibom State police headquarters in Uyo.

It would be recalled that the Grace Bill drainage and other drains in Eket are uncovered and the woman was said to have fallen off at a point of about 20 metres away from when Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN) had earlier covered with slabs and not on the scope of the project handled by MPN.

Some members of the public blownd residents of Eket for blocking point of the drowning thereby affecting a free flow of water at heavy down pour.