

## Flooding affects 64 villages in Kogi

**N**O fewer than 64 villages have been taken over by flood in the Kogi/Kotonkarfe Local Government Area of Kogi State.

Director of Relief and Rehabilitation of the Kogi State Emergency Management Agency, Mr James Ahmadu, made the disclosure, on Thursday, at Edeha community in Kotonkarfe.

He spoke to newsmen after visiting one of the IDP camps in Edeha community, saying more than 150 households had been trapped by flooding in the past three days.

Ahmadu said that a man, popularly known as "Ibrahim Barrister" lost his life to the flooding while trying to move upland.

"We are here for on-the-spot assessment of the flooding situation in Kotonkarfe. As you can see, everywhere is flooded. Over 64 villages are flooded. Five temporary camps

have been set up for the victims by the state in collaboration with the local government that is why NEMA is here for assessment, of the situation.

"We thank God that NEMA is here and they are cooperating with the state government in ensuring

that necessary arrangement is made," Ahmadu said.

Head of Operations at NEMA headquarters, Mr Bitrus Samuel, represented by Mr Reuben Babatunde of the Abuja operations office of NEMA, said that NEMA was in the state to

assess the extent of damage caused by the flooding.

"We were told there are five different IDP camps in Kotonkarfe. We are in the first camp in Edeha community to see the displaced persons and get their data, take it back to Abuja to see what NEMA can do to as-

sist them.

"The local government official said that about 30 of the communities were flooded on September 3 and another 34 on September 4, making 64 villages.

"This is a natural disaster but NEMA would do its best to respond as fast as we can

to ensure that those people that are trapped are rescued. "We are doing on-the-spot assessments, but we are still appealing to people living in flood-prone areas in the state to relocate to the upland," Samuel said.

## Army kills insurgents, recovers 147 stolen livestock in Borno

**THE Nigerian Army, on Thursday, said it killed many 'Boko-Haram' insurgents and recovered 147 livestock in two separate operations in Jentilo and Gesada villages of Kukawa and Guzamala local government areas in Borno State.**

**State.**

**Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General Texas Chukwu, disclosed this in a statement in Maiduguri, the state capital, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).**

Chukwu said that the troops of Sector 3 Operation 'Lafiya Dole', in conjunction with 82 Task Force Battalion, on clearance operations, killed the insurgents when they (insurgents) tried to extort money and rustle livestock belonging to the villagers.

Chukwu explained that some items recovered from them included 147 livestock and two AK-47 rifles.

He said that the troops had returned the livestock to their owners after proper screening and confirmation by the district head and civilian joint task force personnel.

In another development, the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has said its Air Task Force (ATF) has commenced 'Operation Thunder Strike 2' against Boko Haram terrorists in the North-East, and has recorded success in the strikes against the insurgents.

Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, disclosed this in

## 2019: Christian, Muslim leaders must collaborate on good governance — Kenny Martins, others

**BOLA BADMUS - LAGOS**

AHEAD of the 2019 general election, a group, Legacy Initiative International

(LII), said it was high time Christian and Muslim leaders in the country collaborated to bring about good governance. The group

Chukwuani and Chief Jonny Cheagu, its national secretary, made this call, on Wednesday, at an interactive session with

necessary.

He, therefore contended that this was also borne out of the fact that Nigeria