

Flood kills nine-year-old girl in Anambra

FLOOD disaster ravaging parts of Anambra State has claimed the life of a nine-year-old girl, Benedict Uzo, in Amiyi, Ogbaru Local Government Area of the state.

Chairman of Ogbaru Local Government Area, Mr Arinze Awogu, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* on Wednesday that the girl drowned while fetching water with a bucket.

He said Benedict's 11-year-old elder sister,

who tried to rescue her, almost lost her life too, but was quickly rescued by neighbours.

"The flood situation in Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra State has continued to take a turn for the worse, and Ogbaru has lost two persons since it started.

"The latest casualty is a nine-year-old, Miss Uzo Benedict, a primary three pupil of Light International School, Okoti.

"The father of the victim, Mr Izuchukwu Uzo, told me

that his daughter was swept away by the flood as she attempted to fetch water with her bucket."

The chairman urged peo-

ple in flood-prone areas to vacate their homes and move to safer areas, or the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps.

Police arrest robber in army uniform in Ogun

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POLICE in Ogun State have arrested a suspected member of an armed robbery gang operating in the Nigerian Army uniform at Mowe area, in Obafemi Owode Local Government Area of the state.

According to a statement by the command's image maker, Abimbola Oyeyemi, the suspect, Adeoye Ayomide (23), was a member of armed robbery syndicate terrorising the area.

The suspect and other members of the gang were said to have robbed a retired army officer, Adeyemo Adegbovega, of a sum of

"We need better equipped hospital to enable us manage this emergency.

"It is a sad moment for us; we assure the family of our

solidarity and support in this time of grief; I promise to inform His Excellency, Governor Willie Obiano, about the loss."

Officer in charge of Mowe Division, CSP Francis Ebuhome detailed his operatives to be on the trail of the hoodlums after the incident was reported at Mowe divisional headquarters.

"Their efforts paid off on Tuesday, when the operatives received information that the gang had been sighted around Mowe area.

rested Ayomide who was dressed in fake army uniform. Search warrant was duly executed in his house where another fake army uniform was recovered," the PPRO added.

He said that the Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu had ordered the immediate transfer of the suspect to Federal Special Anti Robbery Squad