

Rainstorm kills one, destroys houses in Ondo

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ONE person has been confirmed dead while several houses were destroyed following torrential rain in Ikare-Akoko in Akoko North-East Local Government Area of Ondo State on Sunday evening.

The victim, a popular butcher in the town identified as Ayepareti, was killed in the rain which lasted for about 40 minutes.

A community leader, Ibrahim Kilani, who confirmed the incident, said the victim was hiding in a house around Okela area when the building collapsed on him.

Kilani said the butcher was rushed by residents of the area to the hospital, but was confirmed dead.

He said the rain, which started around 7:00 p.m., also destroyed several houses in some areas like Ilepa, Okela and part of Okoja.

Chairman of Ikare-Akoko Elders Forum, Elder James

Oladetohun, sympathised with victims, just as he called on the state and federal governments to come to their aid.

One of the victims, Akeem Alabi, said all his belongings were destroyed, just as he solicited for government's assistance in order to rebuild his house.

Reported that two persons feared drowned in Kuru river