

Niger: Nine die, 7,000 households displaced in 19 LGAs

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THE National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), on Tuesday in Minna, Niger

State, revealed that about nine persons have lost their lives in the flood disasters that occurred recently in three local government areas of the state.

Head of operations of the agency, Hajiya Zainab Saidu,

said Magama, Kontagora and Rafi local government areas of the state are worst-hit, with six persons losing their lives in Magama, two in Kontagora and one person in Rafi.

Confirming the incidents during an interview with the *Nigerian Tribune* in Minna, she disclosed that about 501 households were displaced in the seven communities of Kontagora councils that had built their houses on the

flood plains.

Saidu further explained that several houses, which number are yet to be ascertained, were destroyed in the process, as several households items such as clothes, electronic gadgets, floor carpets and rugs, shoes, cooking utensils, ceiling and standing fans, among others, were damaged in the disaster.

She added that the most affected were people living

on the flood plains and waterways in the affected areas, stressing that "about 19 local government areas of the state have been affected and over 7,000 households displaced already.

Saidu also hinted that some of the 19 local government areas affected by flood disasters in the state are Kontagora, Rafi, Shiroro, Edati, Katcha, Boss, Mashegu, Gurara, Wushishi, Agwara, Magama and Borgu.

