

# Flood kills about-to-wed man in Enugu

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FLOOD caused by Sunday night's downpour, has drowned a young man simply identified as Chukwudi, in his apartment located on the edge of a narrow drainage between Nkpokiti and Presidential road in Ogui Township, Enugu.

The deceased, who had reportedly performed traditional rites and was preparing for a wedding with his fiancée, was said to be putting up in one of the underground rooms in a block of flats that obstructs a channel through which water passes down from the Institute of Management and Technology (IMT) and environs and empties into the Asata river.

According to an eyewitness and a co-tenant in the compound, Mrs Nkechi Eze, water from the blocked drainage had been rushing into their compound persistently for over six years, and the same happened last week Monday.

Mrs Eze said the flood wreaked havoc in the compound but there was no loss of life, and this made basement occupants to pack out from the apartment.

"Then, yesterday [Monday], though the girl and boy no longer sleep in their apartment, they came to check their property and that was when the rain started.

"The flood came and he was the one who came out telling people that the flood had come again.

"His fiancé and every other person rushed out, but he said he wanted to bring out his property.

"He went in and didn't come out again. In fact, a deaf and dumb girl who occupied one of the apartments almost drowned too, but was quickly rescued.

"The police came at about 12:00a.m and started scooping water from the basement.

"All of us were outside; nobody slept, but at about 5:00a.m, the young man's lifeless body was brought out and the police took it away."