

Flood kills 16, destroys 3,936 houses in Jigawa

② SEMA confirms four killed in Bauchi flood

① THE Jigawa State season. Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), has confirmed 16 persons killed and 3,936 houses destroyed to flood disaster, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

It said the flood also submerged 2,744 hectares of farmlands following torrential rainfalls since the commencement of the 2024 rainy

The Executive Secretary of the agency, Dr Haruna Mariga, who stated this in Dutse, said the disaster affected 10 local government areas of the state. Mairiga said the deaths were as a result of building collapse, drowning and canoe mishaps.

"The disaster resulted in 16 deaths with 3,936 persons displaced while 2,744 hectares of farmlands sub-

merged," he said, adding that the situation might escalate due to anticipated high volume of rainfall.

Mairiga said the agency had provided temporary shelter and distributed relief materials to the displaced persons.

He listed the items to include rice, maize, maize grits, blankets, pasta, and mats.

In a related development, the Bauchi State Emergency Management Agency has

confirmed four persons dead in recent flood disaster in the state.

The flood also destroyed houses, submerged farmlands and washed away some sections of the Kano-Maiduguri expressway.

The Director-General of the agency, Mr Masud Aliyu, revealed this to newsmen in Bauchi.

He said the flood affected Shira, Giade and Katagum

Local Government Areas of the state, following torrential rains in the past days.

"The flood left thousands homeless, submerged farmlands and cut-off roads.

"The affected roads include Giade-Isawa, and Kano-Maiduguri expressway," he said.

Aliyu said the state government had mobilised contractors to repair the failed sections of the roads, to provide an alternative route for road

users.

He, therefore, urged the people to heed to the warnings by the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET) about impeding flood disaster.

The collapsed section of the Kano-Maiduguri expressway had disrupted movement of goods and services in the area.

The road links Kano, Jigawa, Bauchi, Borno and Yobe in North-East.

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