

One dead in Ondo flood

THE National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has confirmed the death of one person in a flood incident that occurred on Friday in Ondo town, Ondo West Local Government Area of Ondo State.

According to the ***News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)***, the Director-General of NEMA, Mrs Zubaida Umar, stated this on Tuesday while assessing the level of damage in the ancient city.

The rainfall in Ondo town on Friday led to flash flood, with houses and vehicles going under water.

"This is a big one; we have seen it and this is telling us that we need to do much more in terms of clearing waterways and also avoiding building on the waterways.

"We have seen it and we have done rapid assessment and we will see how we can collaborate with other agencies to see how we can assist further.

"It is very unfortunate that we lost one person. My advice is that people of Ondo should clear their waterways and support the government," she said.

Umar said that it was wor-

risome that despite earlier forecasts by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) and the Nigerian Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA), there could still be victims of flooding.

According to her, there is need to clear waterways and stop hindering free movement of water.

The NEMA DG added that the flood situation was expected to persist until the end of November, asking state and local governments to allocate resources and provide support to communities.