

One killed, others sustain injury as rainstorm wreaks havoc in Kwara

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One person has been reported killed and another sustained serious injury when a rainstorm, accompanied by a strong wind, wreaked havoc in Ilesha-Baruba, Baruten local government area of Kwara state on Friday night.

Tribune also gathered that many residential buildings and other structures were destroyed by the disaster in the area, as well as in other parts of the state, including Ilorin, the state capital.

It was also gathered that several properties were lost to the natural disaster, while many people have become homeless.

Commiserating with victims of the rainstorm disaster, Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Rafiu Ajakaye, on Saturday, said that the governor condoled with the people of Ilesha-Baruba on the havoc wreaked by rainstorm, including the death of one resident.

“He also commiserates with the victims of the downpour in other parts of the state on Friday, including the capital city Ilorin.

“The governor describes the incidents as saddening and unfortunate.

“Our sympathies are with the victims of the rainstorms and the downpour. I also pray for the repose of the soul of the gentleman lost to the Ilesha-Baruba rainstorm,” according to the Governor.

“These incidents, while sometimes natural, may again underscore a need for everyone to pay attention to the perils of climate change and deforestation. Together, let us stop the arbitrary felling of trees and other harmful practices and preserve our forests and trees.”

Also, the Speaker, Kwara State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Engineer Yakubu Danladi-Saliyu, sympathized with the victims of the heavy rainstorms, assuring them of prompt government intervention to support them.

The Speaker specifically expressed deep commiseration with the victims of the rainstorm.

“I wish to extend our sincere condolences and deep sympathy to our people who are victims of rainstorms across the state especially the one that happened yesterday which claimed a life in Ilesha-Baruba in Baruten Local Government Area of the state, may God forgive the deceased and grant the family the fortitude to bear the loss”.

The Speaker called on the disaster management agencies both at the state and the federal levels to provide succour to the victims of the natural disaster.