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## **Victims of collapsed dam found alive**

**A**LL but one of the 40 people feared to have drowned in torrential flooding in Zamfara State have been found alive and well.

The local residents were declared missing and presumed dead after torrential rains caused a dam to burst on Saturday on the outskirts of Gusau, sweeping away 500 houses.

Except for one person still missing, all have been found unhurt, a spokesman for Zamfara State governor told the *AFP* on the telephone. The spokesman had on Sunday said that at least 40 people were killed and 1,000 displaced in the dam collapse.

"We later found out that these people fled their homes when they sighted the flood heaving towards their houses and sought shelter elsewhere. They later reported to a secondary school where displaced families are provided with temporary shelter," the spokesman, Mallam Ibrahim Birnin-Magaji, said.

The flood, which officials described as a "Tsunami of a sort", caused a major damage to property and livestock in the area as well as a large swathe of farmland that was almost due for harvest.