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Storm kills four in Ibadan

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Four auto technicians were killed by storm in Ibadan, Oyo State capital, on Wednesday.

The storm accompanied a heavy downpour witnessed in some parts of the metropolis in the afternoon.

The victims were said to be taking refuge inside cars meant for repairs and that were parked under the tree in their workshop in Iwo Road area of the metropolis, during the rainfall when the incident occurred.

As at 4.30pm, the scene of the incident had become a tourist centre of sort with a surging crowd of curious residents angling to catch a glimpse of the corpses of the victims.

A team of policemen drafted to the scene had a hectic time penetrating the huge crowd of the onlookers.

While two of the victims were said to have died instantly, the remaining two died a couple of minutes after the storm struck.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Oyo State Command, Ms. Olabisi Okuwobi, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on the telephone.

Okuwobi, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, told our correspondent at press time that the Divisional Police Officer in charge of the area had already led a detachment of policemen to the scene with the aim of retrieving the corpses and maintaining law and order.

Meanwhile, traders under the aegis of the Feleye Spare Parts and Allied Traders Organisation have raised the alarm over another imminent Ogunpa flood disaster in Ibadan, if urgent steps were not taken by the state government.

The association's President, Chief Lateef Adebisi Agbabiaka, raised the alarm in Ibadan on Wednesday during the inauguration of the new executives of the association.

He specifically charged the Oyo State Government and the Ibadan North West Local Government to wade in without further delay to avert the looming disaster.

Comments :

- This is pathetic may God give their family fortitude to bear the loss. Local and state government should start enlight masses on danger of lightning and they must hide in proper place during the rain.

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