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Flood sweeps man into river in Kwara

September 20, 2012 by Success Nwogu



The deceased's motorcycle.

| *credits: Success Nwogu*

A 65-year-old man, Mr. Kehinde Ajongolo, was on Tuesday night swept into river at Akerebiata, Ilorin, Kwara State, after a downpour.

The rain, which started about 5.45pm and lasted till 8.15pm, flooded many parts of the metropolis. The flooding cut off the link road between Sobi Barracks and the adjoining communities around Akerebiata.

A building materials dealer, was on his way home when the flood swept him into the river, leading to his death.

His relative, Isa Ajongolo, told journalists in Ilorin on Wednesday that he spoke with the deceased on the phone before the rain started.

He said when he waited for Kehinde and did not see him, he tried his mobile telephone number but it indicated that it was not “reachable.”

Isa said after repeatedly calling the line and could not reach the deceased, he quickly alerted other relatives.

He said a search party that was later organised found the deceased’s motorcycle in the river and also saw his corpse about one kilometre away.

Isa said, “This is a tragedy. My uncle was a very peaceful and compassionate man. We are really in pain over his sudden and painful death.

“We are all mourning now because of this terrible incident. My uncle lost his twin brother a few years back and now we have lost him. What a sad event.”

The Commissioner for Works and Transport, Dr. Abubakar Kanike, who visited the deceased family on Wednesday, said the state government would expedite action to repair the link road.

The Special Assistant to the Governor on Infrastructure, Mr. Taye Afolabi, said his team had inspected the faulty link road and had made recommendations to Governor Abdulfatah Ahmed.

He added that the state government had already started the dredging and channelling of the river before the unfortunate incident.

However, about 17 occupants of a commercial Toyota Skoda bus with, number plate Kwara XA 805 LRN, narrowly escaped death by whisker on the link road.

An eyewitness, Mr. Tajudeen Usman, said the flood dragged the vehicle off the road but the passengers quickly alighted.

Our correspondent gathered that some other areas were also affected by the flood while commuters were stranded for many hours after the rain.

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• *bayo oya* September 20, 2012 at 5:50 am

Haaàa hmmmm flood floód and flood everyday Noah please bring your big canoe. God please forgive us our sin o o o o

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- *Peter* September 20, 2012 at 5:54 am

God save our nation 4rm d flood tht we kill and detroy in name.

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- *PRESIDENT GOODLUCK JONATHAN.* September 20, 2012 at 8:00 am

PDP GOVERNOR'S CAN NEVER PERFORM IN THEIR STATES. WHY SHOULD YOU WAIT FOR WATER TO CARRY THAT MAN FIRST BEFORE YOU DO WHAT YOU WERE SUPPOSE TO DO?

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- *Lizzie* September 20, 2012 at 8:17 am

May his soul rest in peace. Must u wait 4 sumtin bad 2 apen b4 u take a step. Dis govt. of ours ehn!

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- *Muyideen Abdulkadir* September 20, 2012 at 9:22 am

The incident is quite unfortunate. May the soul of the flood victim rest in peace. Nobody could have foreseen the sad incident. It was a sudden downpour and the deceased did not know the flood could do such damage. He was actually said to have alighted from the motorcycle to prevent the flood from falling him off while riding through.

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- *Justice* September 20, 2012 at 11:10 am

May his soul rest in peace Amen

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- *kenneth* September 20, 2012 at 12:53 pm

I want to join in sympathizing with the deceased family and quickly add that bad news

/story should not be the only way to draw Government attention to our BAD ROADS in the country. We voted people into power to help ease / reduce our suffering (especially) on the road – at list every body's life (poor, rich, big or small) will be affected positively with good road GOVERNMENT please save our livessssssssss

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- *free thinker* September 20, 2012 at 2:45 pm

May his soul rest in perfect peace Amen. The government should rise up to their responsibilities on time b4 d unfortunate happened. GOD bless NIGERIA.

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- *Simpet* September 20, 2012 at 5:40 pm

May his soul rest in awesome peace. God bless kwara. God bless Nigeria

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MY VOICE September 20, 2012 at 7:19 pm

WHO COURSED NIGERIA? WHO DID THIS TO NIGERIA? WHO INITIATED NIGERIA INTO THIS OMEN OF OBLIVION? WHO DRAGGED NIGERIA INTO SUCH DRACONIAN DESPOTIC REGIME?.....HOW SURE ARE WE THAT NIGERIA WILL SURVIVE ALL THIS OMEN,? THIS COUNTRY CALLED NIGERIA IS FURIOUSLY CRASHING, CAN ANY BODY SEE WHAT AM SEEING? IS THIS NIGERIA OF 70'S TO 80'S WHEN NAIRA WAS THE GREATEST AND ABOVE DOLLARS, TUFIA WHAT A FAILED NATION, EVEN IRAN AND PAKISTAN IS BETTER TO US, AFTER ALL THEY HAVE GOOD ROADS AND PIPE BORN WATER, SHAME SHAME TO ALL THIS POLITICAL THIEVES

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• *bosmania* September 22, 2012 at 6:52 pm

rip man! signs of end time

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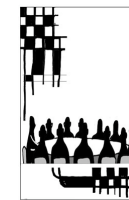
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