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Pastor drowned in Ilorin while creating water channel

The pastor of a church in Ilorin, Kwara State, was swept away by flood on Tuesday following an early morning heavy rain that lasted for about seven hours.

The pastor, whose name has yet to be ascertained as of press time, was said to be creating a water channel for the erosion when he suddenly slipped into a drainage channel and got washed away.

He was said to have been drowned and died before assistance could reach him.

Residents told our correspondent in Ilorin that the pastor usually volunteered to create water channels any day there was downpour.

The Kwara State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ajayi Okasanmi, confirmed the death of the pastor.

He stated that the remains of the pastor had been deposited at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital's morgue.

Okasanmi in a statement on Tuesday warned people defacing political posters and pulling down billboards to desist from such indulgences.

He reminded the perpetrators of such acts that they were violating the law, and said the police command would not hesitate to arrest such culprits and ensure that they were prosecuted.

He urged residents of the state to remain peaceful and law-abiding and go about their normal business without any fear of intimidation.

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