

Rainstorm kills two, destroys Katsina, Kebbi houses

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A 13-year-old boy, Usman Jafar and another boy, whose identity has yet been known, were reportedly killed during an early downpour accompanied by windstorm on Saturday in Jibia, Katsina State.

Several others were also injured during the rainstorm.

Sources disclosed that about 70 houses and schools were also damaged during the downpour which affected Sabo-Unguwar, Gardirge and Sabo Garin-Malamai among others in the town.

Our correspondent learnt that the downpour started late Friday night and lasted till early Saturday morning.

It was further learnt that the remains of the two boys were found among the rubble of one of the affected houses which collapsed at Sabon Garin-Malamai during the downpour.

The downpour caused flooding in many parts of the town.

A resident, Mallam Yahaya Bishri, said the rain last three hours and many were unable to enter their homes because of flooding.

He also said the Government Girls Secondary School, Hajara Community Primary School and Citadel Group of Schools were affected.

When contacted, spokesman for the State Emergency Management Agency, Mallam Umar Muhammed, said he had yet been briefed of the incident.

He promised to get back to our correspondent when he had full details of the incident. He had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.

In a related development, over 600 people have also been reportedly displaced after a rainstorm destroyed 40 houses and a secondary school in Dandi Local Government Area of Kebbi State.

Chairman of the council, Alhaji Garba Salihu, who confirmed the development, told reporters in Birnin Kebbi that the incident happened on Monday.

He said, “As soon as I received the report, I rushed to the area to see what happened and commiserated with the victims.

“It was a sad scene because family members of over 40 households were dislodged by the heavy rain. The roof of the secondary school in the area is gone.”

Salihu appealed to Governor Atiku Bagudu to help the victims.

The Village Head of Shiko, Yahaya Ibrahim, also appealed to both the state and federal governments to help the victims.