

Two killed as wall collapses during Katsina downpour

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TWO persons were feared killed, while two others were injured during a heavy downpour in Katsina and surrounding communities on Monday.

The deaths reportedly occurred at Bindawa when some

people took shelter under a shed that was being used to store guinea corn.

Residents said the walls of the structure collapsed during the downpour, leading to the death of the victims.

The two other persons, who sustained injuries, were reportedly taken to the Bindawa Comprehensive Health

Centre for treatment.

When contacted, the spokesman for the Katsina State Emergency Management Agency, Mallam Ukasha Umar, said officials of the agency had travelled down to Bindawa for an on-the-spot assessment and had yet to return to the capital city.

"Our officials have gone to Bindawa and have yet to come back. I cannot say anything until they return," he stated.

The rainfall, which began a few minutes after 5pm and lasted about one and half hours, was accompanied by windstorm, which uprooted many electricity poles.

Katsina and the surrounding communities had since Monday been thrown into blackout due to the development.

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