

1 **A** RAINSTORM on Sunday in Ikare Akoko, the headquarters of the Akoko North-East Local Government Area of Ondo State, has wreaked havoc on the ancient town, killing one person and destroying many houses.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the rainstorm started around 7pm on Sunday and destroyed property in the Ilepa, Okela and Okoja areas, among others.

The deceased, identified as Ayepareti, a butcher, was killed while

Rainstorm kills Ondo butcher, destroys buildings

Peter Dada, Akure

the house under which he took shelter fell during the heavy rainfall at the Okela area of the town.

A source said after the deceased was removed from the debris, he was rushed to a hospital, where he was confirmed dead.

The source said, "The rain started around 7pm and poured for about 40 minutes. It started with a serious wind,



• *Scenes of the incident*

blowing up the roofs of many houses. Some electric poles and trees fell."

Some residents of the affected areas described the incident as sad and called for the intervention of the government and humanitarian organisations.

The Chairman of the Ikare Akoko Elders Forum, Mr James Oladetohun, sympathised with the victims and



called on the government to come to their aid.

A traditional ruler, Chief Salu Okoja, lamented that the high cost of building materials might make it difficult for many victims to rebuild their houses.

He appealed to Nigerians to assist residents in order to alleviate their suffering.

bad road after colleague's death

State Government, Chris Ezem, that the state government would address the issue.

The students, however, gave the state government a four-day ultimatum to repair the road.

Welcoming the students back from the protest, the Vice-Chancellor of the university,

added.

He appealed to the students and the university community to maintain calm "while we wait for FERMA and/or the state government to mobilise and begin work on the road."

Police arrest two kidnappers while collecting ransom in Ogun