

Three drown, Delta orders relocation of flood-prone residents

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Three persons have been killed after flood-ravaged Oko community in the Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the flood also pulled down houses, rendering the occupants homeless.

One of the rescuers, who identified himself simply as Okonji, on Sunday, said the bodies of two of the victims had yet to be recovered.

He said, “The boat conveying them capsized. We have been searching for them; we recovered one of the bodies around 6pm and immediately rushed him to the Okwe General Hospital, but the doctor confirmed him dead on arrival.

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“We are still doing everything possible to recover the remaining two bodies. It was terrible; we never imagined that such will happen again.”

Speaking on the flood, the Director-General, Delta State Bureau of Orientation, Mr Eugene Uzum, warned residents in flood-prone areas to relocate to higher planes.

Uzum said the state government was concerned about the lives and property of citizens living in flood-prone areas.