

Flood destroys 1,567 farmlands, kills 5 in Jama'are, Bauchi

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Torrential rain destroyed no fewer than 1,567 farmlands on Tuesday in Jama'are Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

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Samaila Jarma, the Council's Chairman, confirmed the incident to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), on Thursday in Jama'are.

Mr Jarma listed the affected areas to include Jogiyal; Yola, Doko-Doko, Gongo, Kabigel, Digiza and Massalachin Idi area of Jama'are town.

He said the flood was caused by the over flow of water from Jos river following torrential rainfall which lasted for several hours on Tuesday.

"We recovered five corpses from the water in submerged areas.

"One out of the five corpses recovered was identified to be from one of the affected villages while the identity of the remaining bodies are yet to be established.

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"The corpses have since been buried in compliance with necessary protocols after exhaustive scrutiny to determine their origin.

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"We are presently in custody of their photographs, in case of their search," he said.

Mr Jarma said the council had also inaugurated a committee to assess the level of damage for onward submission to the state government for necessary action.

The chairman said the council had so far distributed foodstuffs and other items to the victims to mitigate their sufferings pending the expected intervention from the government.