

Flood kills 3 persons in Yola

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Yola, the seat of power in Adamawa State was hit by flood yesterday, leaving three people and valuable property destroyed, including farmlands.

The coastal areas of the city and other flood prone neighbourhoods were submerged following torrential rains from Saturday evening through to Sunday morning.

Three people, including a woman from Wuro-Damdu were confirmed dead in River Njuwa when their canoe capsized under heavy rain.

The devastating flood created a humanitarian vacuum around Modire in Girei and Wuro-Damdu in Yola South, in both coastal communities with several people internally displaced.

Also within the city center, the flood rage was experienced around PZ roundabout barely enough to overflow into the Yola International airport, with residents forced out of their homes.

With more rains been expected after the usual July/August break, residents of the flood prone areas have been advised to vacate for higher grounds.

Authorities have also confirmed the River Njuwa canoe mishap, saying, "Five people who were working on their farms boarded the canoe to escape the rain, but midway on the Njuwa River the canoe capsized, killing three people, including a woman", the statement said.

Unfortunately, only the woman's body was recovered, but search is still going on to recover the bodies of the two men.

The Executive Secretary of Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency ADSEMA, Shadrach Daniel Barub, who conveyed Governor Murtala Nyako's sympathy, commiserated with the affected persons and assured that the government was not resting on its oars to

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