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The governor, who flagged off construction of

at the cost of N5 billion, expressed optimism that the state would soon become a beneficiary of all the compensations of an oil-bearing state.

way for easy transportation of agricultural produce from the area.

The governor disclosed that more roads would be constructed in the area and that the security network had been strengthened and urged the people to protect all the facilities from vandals.

The President General of Umueje Town Union, Mr. Joseph Emegini, expressed joy on the road project, noting that it was the first time such a project would be executed in the area and assured that the community would protect all government investments in the area.

## Rain wreaks havoc, kills 4 children, destroys 200 houses in Zamfara

From ATTAHIRU AHMED, Gusau

**A**t least four children were confirmed dead while about 200 houses were destroyed as a result of heavy rains in Gusau, Zamfara State capital.

The havoc, which occurred between Saturday and early hours of yesterday also destroyed a mosque at Barakallahu area of Gusau

metropolis.

One of the victims, Malam Ibrahim, told Daily Sun that the incident claimed the lives of four children who could not help themselves out of their houses as a result of collapsed buildings.

According to him, property worth millions of naira were also lost to the rain.

According to the Ward head, Malam Abubakar Bawa, three of the four chil-

dren belonged to a policeman identified as Sergeant Ibrahim Ruwandoruwa. They included a six-year-old girl, while others were between three and four years old.

Malam Bawa added that, another child died while trying to flee the area.

"We thought the child was at an Islamic school nearby but left during the windstorm before we later discovered his body under a wreckage."

He described oil and gas as a key pillar of his development strategy for the state.

According to him, the production capacity of the oil prospecting company is expected to hit the 6,000 barrels per day from the present 1000bpd within the next six months following the planned activation of four more oil wells.

He explained that the link road was very strategic as it was the first direct access route from the state to

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... AND AWARDED N8 MILLION

"For us, this thanksgiving

bring me N2 million fine in favour of me to this church