

## 7 die in Zaria flood disaster

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**SEVEN** persons were feared dead and property worth millions of Naira destroyed by flood on Monday and Tuesday in Zaria, Kaduna State.

The disaster occurred as a result of heavy rainfall that lasted for two days in most parts of Zaria and environs.

Areas effected were Magume, Kwarin Dangoma, Salmanduna, Baban Dodo, Gyellesu and Gangare Tudun Wada, Tsugugi in Sabon Gari, Anguwan Jaba, and Jushin Waje.

Two persons were reported dead at Magume following the collapse of a building while another two persons died at Kwarin Dan-Goma when a building was razed by the ravaging flood.

It was also reported that three persons including two babies and their mother died on Tuesday night at Tsugugi and Anguwan Jaba in Sabon Gari.

Some victims who spoke with *Daily Sun* at Magume area attributed the disaster to lack of drainages and the erection of buildings on waterways.

Mallam Muhammadu Magume said: "Though some of us built on waterways, definitely we must suffer when it rains, I am appealing to government to

come to our rescue."

Alhaji Inusa Dan-Goma said: "It is sad that this year's flood claimed lives but I am appealing to the local government to construct more culverts and drainages and remove blockages in the existing drainages."

Confirming the deaths, an official of the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency, who pleaded anonymity said: "Yes, I heard only four died on Monday and two persons today, but, we are yet to receive any official figure."

## FG to increase health

From **Walter Ukaegbu,**  
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**MINISTER** of Budget and National Planning, Senator Udoma Udo Udoma has disclosed that the Federal Government will increase budgetary allocation to the health sector in the 2017 Appropriation Bill in its commitment to improving the sector in Nigeria.

Udoma made this known when Regional Director of World Health Organisation (WHO), Dr. Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti visited him in his office.

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