

# Flood kills 16 in Kebbi

• 5 bodies recovered

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**FIFTEEN** people were killed by flood, at different times, in Bagudo, Mahuta and Danko Wasagu local government areas of Kebbi State, recently.

In Ribah, Bagudo Local Government Area of the state, an unknown young man, who was among a waiting crowd to receive Governor Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, died after the Waje Bridge collapsed, due to persistent downpour in the area.

His remains and those of five other unidentified victims have been recovered from the river.

The governor's Chief Press Secretary, Abubakar Mua'zu Dakingeri, who confirmed the incident in a statement made available to newsmen, yesterday, said the man jumped from the bridge before the governor's arrival.

"The governor made a stop over at Wake Bridge, near Ribah, where a young man, who jumped into the river, moments before the governor's arrival, died instantly. The governor has directed local government officials and security agencies to disperse the crowd and prevent people from standing on the bridge; for safety reasons."

During governor Bagudu's visit to the local government areas, he was also informed that five bodies were recovered from the flood.

"The governor was informed that five bodies were recovered in the flooding and prayed Allah to grant them Aljannah Firdaus and the families the fortitude to bear the loss," Dakingeri said.

Also, a soldier and nine others also died in Uwashi and Kanya villages, in Danko Wasagu local government and Mahuta, in Fakai local government areas of the state.

The affected soldier was reportedly trying to rescue a woman who was trapped inside the flood before he drowned, alongside the woman.

Governor Bagudu has, however, promised to construct the collapsed bridge that would link Kanya, with Gwazawa towns, to ease transportation difficulties of the people in the areas as well provide canoes and boats; before completion of their roads.