

3 killed by flood in Kebbi as Gov Idris mourns, donates N40m

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Kebbi State Governor Dr Nasir Idris has condoled with the families of three persons killed by flood at Dakingari, Suru Local Government Area of the state.

Idris, who was in Dakingari to condole the victims family, pleaded to the deceased relatives as well as the Local Government Council to accept the incident as will of God in good faith.

The flood affected 315 houses in the area.

The governor, who sympathised with victims who sustained injuries and those whose houses were affected, donated N40 million to the victims with an instruction that the deceased families should be given N500,000 each.

He also directed the council chairman to set up a committee to honestly distribute the money to the affected victims and assured them that the state government through the Ministry of Works in collaboration with the Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy would work out lasting solution to the menace.

According to him, “the best way to tackle the lingering problem is to construct a channel at the flood prone areas that will facilitate free flow of water into rivers.”

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In his response, the Chairman, Suru Local Government, Alhaji Muhammad Lawal-Suru, appreciated the governor for the visit as well as timely intervention.

He assured the governor that the money as well as all palliatives related to the flood would be judiciously distributed.

Malam Jafaru Aliero, the Lamido of Dakingari thanked the governor, confirming that the flood had remained an annual event in the area.

Aliero assured that the community had made several efforts during the previous administration to find a lasting solution to the problem but to no avail.

He, however, expressed joy with the quick intervention of the governor and his determination to put an end to their lingering plight.

Similarly, the governor had a stop over at Rijiya maikabbi village in Dandi Local Government Area to sympathise with the flood victims where he also donated N10m to the victims.