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45 dead as flood wreaks havoc in I



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No fewer than 45 persons have been reported killed after a downpour wreaked havoc communities in Jibia Local Government Area of Katsina State.

More than 1,000 houses were also destroyed with over 250 livestock confirmed killed heavy rain which started around 11:00 pm on Sunday and lasted till the early hours c

Some of the communities affected by the flood are Kwata, Dantudu, Sabuwar, Tukare Tsohuwar Tukare and Ungwar Mai Kwari, among others.

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The failure of the rain to stop on time caused the river channels in the affected villages overflow their banks, killing many residents and sweeping away several vehicles, motor vehicles and farmlands, in the process.

The disaster also sacked many residents from their homes and shops as their apartments flooded.

The Head of Jibia Local Government Administration, Almustapha Idris, confirmed to Television that 21 persons were buried on Monday.

He added that authorities from the neighbouring Niger Republic have asked them to recover 18 more bodies.



As at the time of filing this report, residents were still salvaging their properties from homes while some were packing out of the affected areas.

The State Governor, Aminu Masari, has since visited the affected communities but refused to speak to reporters.

The Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET) had listed Katsina as one of the states that will experience heavy rainfall, in its forecast earlier in the year.

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The incident occurred less than three weeks after President Muhammadu Buhari visited Katsina, his home-state to commiserate with the victims and families of those affected.

earlier rainstorm.

During his visit on June 29, he visited the palace of the Emir of Katsina, Abdulmumin where he addressed the people.

The previous rainstorm also claimed lives, although not as much as that of Sunday, a serious damage to some communities in Charanchi, Mashi, and Musawa LGAs of the

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