

Anambra flood: Three-year-old boy, nine die

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A three-year-old boy, Gentle Udom, was among 10 people who lost their lives, while 15 buildings collapsed in flood in Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The Transaction Committee Chairman of Ogbaru Local Government Area, Mr. Arinze Awogu, confirmed this yesterday in Awka.

Awogu said the victim was from Umungase village, Ogwu Anaocha community in Ogbaru.

He recalled that nine people had died as a result of the flood, bringing the number of deaths to 10.

Narrating the incident, mother of the deceased, Mrs Amarachi Udom, said she had gone to the Ura-si end of the flood only to come back and discovered her child missing.

Udom added that her child was later discovered floating inside their compound.

She said: "He was playing with his peers before I left the house. When I came back, I did not see him only to find him floating on the water."

Meanwhile, the Ogbaru Local Government chairman dismissed allegations that there have been incidents of armed robbery in area.

According to him, security situation in Ogbaru is under control.

He said: "I want to use this opportunity to dismiss reports that criminals are capitalising on the situation to carry out robbery and other forms of crime in the area.

"This is not true and I urge members of the public to discountenance such stories as they are unfounded."

Awogu also said that since the flood started in August, 15 houses had collapsed in the area.

He said: "The did not destroy only farms but houses and so far 15 houses have been destroyed by the flood and more houses may also be affected by the flood disaster."