

Windstorm kills 3, destroys 200 houses in Bauchi

Three people have died and 200 houses destroyed, following a rainstorm in Misau Town in Bauchi State.

The Information Officer of Misau Local Government Council, Mr. Usman Yerima, confirmed the development on Friday in a telephone interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

Yerima disclosed that the victims included two men

and a teenage girl while 200 houses were destroyed during the fierce windstorm that was proceeded by heavy downpour.

He said most of the affected houses had their roofs blown off during the rain which lasted for over four hours.

When contacted, the Director of Relief and Rehabilitation, Bauchi State Emergency Management Agency, Alhaji Kabiru Yusuf-Kobi, said that he was yet to get official reports from authorities of the council.

"We have heard of it and seen it on social media but we are yet to receive official report on the magnitude of the disaster.

"I will give you the exact situation reports by Tuesday when I might have returned from my official trip because we want to have the reports first," Yusuf-Kobi said.

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The state's Police Public Relations Officer, SP Geoffrey Ogbonna, who confirmed the incident, said policemen later recovered the Sienna bus at Isiala Ngwa area.

Ogbonna disclosed that another vehicle abandoned by the gunmen was also recovered.