

# Flood claims 4 lives, several missing in Niger

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**H**heavy rainfall has wreaked havoc in Niger State as four persons have been confirmed dead in the flood in

Mashegu and Kontagora Local Government Areas.

Our Correspondent gathered that the flood submerged over 2,000 houses, 1,000 farmlands and destroyed property in two councils.

The incident which occurred on Wednesday also

destroyed a block industry and some other property belonging to one Alh Haruna Mure.

Confirming the incident, the Director General of the state's Emergency Management Agency, NSEMA, Alhaji Ibrahim Ahmed Inga said four people have been confirmed dead as a result of flood.

He, also disclosed that many people are still missing and that the Agency has launched an investigation into the incident in order to unravel whether the disaster was natural flood or excess water released from somewhere.

Malam Abubakar Imam from Kasanga bridge in Mashegu Local Government Council told Journalists that over 2,000 houses were destroyed in the area as well as many crops washed away.

Similarly, Murtala Salisu from Bubban Rami in Kontagora LGA stated that the flood did a lot of damage as many people have been rendered homeless and farmlands washed away.

## Lagos lawmaker begs parent to join war against drug abuse

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**D**isturbed by the increasing rate of substance abuse among youths in the state, the Lagos State government is set to jail perpetrators and their parents as the House of Assembly is currently working on a law to ensure stringent sanctions on anyone who indulges in drug abuse.

The Deputy Speaker of the State House of Assembly, Wasiu Eshilokun Sami, who disclosed this also appealed to parents to help the government's war against drug abuse

by ensuring that they prevent their children or wards from indulging in vices that may truncate their future ambition. Speaking at the Constituency Stakeholders Forum he organised at the Lagos Island Local Government Secretariat at Adeniji Adele, the Deputy Speaker, who described drug abuse as destiny destroyer and a major threat to nation building, said that was the reason the House of Assembly has risen against the vice by coming up with a law which makes anyone caught indulging in the vice as well as their parents culpable and may upon prosecution be sentenced to jail.