

## Flood Sweeps 5-Year-Old Boy Away In Ogun

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A five year-old boy, simply identified as Israel has been swept away by flood as a result of heavy downpour at Mowe in Obafemi Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State. Witnesses at the scene said the incident occurred around 7pm, on Sunday during the torrential rainfall with attendant heavy flood across the community.

The victim and his father were said to be returning from an outing when they both slipped into a canal, unfortunately, the son was swept away and the father sustained injuries on his face while trying to rescue his son.

A resident of the area, who gave his name as Shobowale, described the incident as unfortunate adding that the mother of the little boy is pregnant. Shobowale said he was still outside his house when the rain started.

When the information about the incident got to him, he alerted other members of the community and they went in search of the boy and his father, fortunately, the father was rescued alive, while his son was washed away.

He said: “Immediately the rain stopped, about five of us went into the canal to rescue the father and son, we were able to rescue the father but there were no traces of the son, it was when we got to the bank of the canal that we saw the remains of the little boy.

“The remains of the boy was taken to his father, where he was later buried, I pray God to console the pregnant mother and the bereaved father, while we were searching for the boy, some residents of Shokeye Estate also came to search for their two missing children from the area.”

Another resident who didn't want his name in print said he came to sympathise with the bereaved mother and father over the loss of their son, said it was unfortunate that such pathetic incident happened to the parent of the boy, adding that the boy was full of life during church service on Sunday.

It was also gathered that some streets, like Ajewole Street, Gbobi, Adesan-Olu and Mowe hotel area were all flooded, while houses were submerged at Imedu area as a result of the heavy downpour.

A woman who gave her name as Iya Ibeji said she was in the market when her daughter called her that their house had been taken over by flood. I thought it was just small flood, unfortunately, when I got home I couldn't access my apartment, everywhere was flooded.