

In Ilorin, the victims were said to have died following last Thursday heavy downpour in the State capital.

It was gathered that two human bodies and a Toyota Yaris car with Reg No APP 544 E were removed by men of the state Fire Service from a river opposite Olusola Saraki abattoir, along Sobi road.

Also, it was gathered that two lives were lost as youths swimming to catch fish along Asa riverine areas, especially at Amilengbe area, behind Salem House in the Ilorin metropolis, got drowned in their expedition.

The spokesman of Kwara State Fire Service, Hassan Adekunle, and the General Manager of the state Environmental Protection Agency (KWEPA), Alhaji Saad Ayuba Dan Musa, confirmed the development.

He said: “Today, October 1, 2022, the Kwara State Fire Service has removed two human bodies and a Toyota Yaris car with Reg No APP544E from a river at Opposite Olusola Saraki Abattoir, along Sobi road in Ilorin, capital of Kwara State.

“Information has it that the incident occurred during the yesterday’s (Friday) downpour, when the casualties were struggling to drive through the bridge and suddenly got stuck by the flood and pushed them into the river.

“In truth, the rescued work was like a joint operation, because all the people in the neighborhood gave their full support to the firemen throughout the operation.”

“Therefore, the Director, Kwara State Fire Service, Prince Falade John Olumuyiwa, urged the general public to please to be avoiding driving whenever there is heavy rainfall.”

“From a reliable source, the flood has swept away the fishery ponds from unknown location into the river which attracted the youths to become emergency fishermen in the area which has claimed two lives as at today.

“This is a clarion call and warning to the parents to warn their children against this ugly situation; the police force and Fire Service dept should be despatched to drive away these youths from the scene,” he stated.